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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE,
1792-1899.

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U.S. Mint At Philadelphia,
1791-1936

Correspondence, 1792-1904

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE,
1792 - 1899

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U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE / 1857 / NOVEMBER

Mint of the United States:
November 5th, 1857.

Sir:

I have to request that you will issue your warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint, for Forty Six thousand, nine hundred and twenty five dollars (\$46,925.) payable out of the Appropriation made for the support of this institution for the present fiscal year, viz:

For salaries of Officers & Clerks	\$ 6,975.00
" Wages of Workmen	18,700.00
" Accidental & Contingent Expenses	15,750.00
" Freight on Bullion	2,500.00

\$ 46,925.00

I have the honor to be
With great respect,

Your faithful servant:

Samuel R. Anderson.

Director of the Mint.

Mr. Russell Robt.

Secretary of the Treasury.

To the Secretary of the Treasury.

Nov 30/37

Requisition for Appropriation
for Quarterly Expenses of Mint.

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

2-16156

Treasury Department,
Comptroller's Office,
November 5th 1857.

Hon

James K. Snowden,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia,
Pa.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the
31st Ult^o, enclosing table showing the
value of certain foreign coins as com-
pared with the gold dollar of the
United States, was duly received, sub-
mitted to the Secretary of the Treasury,
and approved.

The table which I sent you,
and with which yours corresponds, was
made up from the accounts of Ministers
and others now pending before this
office, and did not embrace, as is
now found, very many of the coins
or currencies in which our Agents abroad
are occasionally paid. Before

causing the table to be printed and circulated, it is deemed best to so far enlarge it as to take in all the coins referred to in the printed instructions of the Secretary of State, in order that the paragraph fixing the value thereof may be at once corrected, and made to conform to the gold standard.

The enclosed list of coins is copied from the 674th paragraph of the instructions of the Secretary of State to our Ministers and Agents abroad; and the amount set opposite each is the value in dollars and cents at which they were directed to take and regard them.

The adoption of the gold dollar as the unit or standard of the United States will no doubt change these estimates; and I will thank you to so far enlarge your table as to embrace the coins named in the enclosed list or statement, fixing the true value thereof on

the same principle by which you were governed in the preparation of the other. -

Your early attention to this matter will place this Office, and myself personally, under renewed obligations. -

I am, very Respectfully,
Your Obedt Servt.
W. M. Dill

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, November 6th 1857.

Dear Sir,

In a few days I will be able to prepare the table of values of foreign coins, embracing the additional list enclosed in your letter of yesterday.

In the meantime I must ask your view upon a point which embarrasses me, and which I did not advert to in the former statement. That State has given the intrinsic value of the gold coins therein named, without reference to the coinage charge of one half of one per cent. which we are required by a late act of Congress to make. The effect of this is, on the pound sterling for example, to bring it down from \$155.8, to \$152.4, and so on with the rest. So that we have two valuations, either of which may be taken. The reduction of valuation, would, of course work to the benefit of the Foreign Minister, as he would receive more pieces of money for one half per cent.

You will observe, that this refers only to gold, silver is taken at the Mint by a rate of purchase which includes a profit to the Government. Please favor me with your views on this point at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,
Samuel R. Chandler
W.D.M.

W.D.M.

From the Comptroller of Treasury.

Nov. 6/57.

As to table of values of Foreign Coins.

Nov. 5, 1857

Hull M^d Institute
Baltimore Nov 5. 1887

My dear Sir

We have sent you this day by Adams Express the "dies" for the Gold & Silver Medals of the M^d Institute. The smaller one is for the Gold and the larger for the Silver Medallion.

Please have made for us eighty (80) ~~pieces~~ Silver and eight (8) Gold Medals as soon as practicable. The Gold to weigh each about 8 pure grains Troy. The Silver about 2 oz less 4 pure each Troy. The latter you will perceive is not quite as heavy as the three medals contained in the box with the dies. There three you will please place to our credit inasmuch as they are lent to us except as so much silver.

The Silver Medals we desire you to make of silver as good as there is in the box. When finished please forward

to us by Adams Express and we
will promptly remit the amount of
the bill in Gold coin.

Please acknowledge the receipt
of the dies and Mugs

Yours friend & Obedient

John Vanant

Pres^{ty}

Wm Jas R Snowden

Director of U S Mint

Philadelphia

P.S. Since the above has been written
I have been informed that the ~~dies~~
Medals cannot be made of less
weight than the samples inasmuch
as the capacity, in measure, must be
regulated by the conformation of the
die. If this theory is correct then
of course you must have the Gold
and the Silver Medals made in
size according with the dies. Y.

• Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, 4 Nov. 6th. 1837

Dear Sir:

The box containing the dies for the medals required by the Maryland Institute, reached me this morning.

The medals you desire will be ready in about four weeks and will be made as light as the conformation of the dies will admit.

On opening the box sent one of the dies was found so much worn as to be useless for effective service. I have directed that it shall be replaced by a new die, the cost of making which will not probably exceed \$3.

When the medals are ready for transmission, you shall be promptly advised of their completion.

I am respectfully,

Yours &c.

James Ross Chambers.
Director of the Mint.

Thomas Munson Esq.
Baltimore, Md.

From to Joshua Vausant.

Baltimore:

Nov. 6/57

Medals for Maryland Institute.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, 4 Nov. 1857

Sir,

Having considered the letter from the Chief Coiner, I see no objection in his receiving as a special delivery such bullion as may be appropriated to the experiments of Dr. Barclay. I trust that, in the present condition of the Bullion Fund the amount set apart for this purpose may be the very least sum required for the objects of the experimenter.

Very respectfully

Dea. T. Morgan
Treas.

J. R. Snowden, Esq.
Treas.
New York.

Of
Wm The Treas^r & Com^r
U. S. Mint

Delivery of bullion
to Dr. Barclay

Dec 5. 1837-

Chief Coiner's Office
Dec 4th 1857

To
J Ross Snowden Esq
Director

U. S. Mint.

Dear Sir,

With reference
to the Experimental Inquiry of Dr Barclay
now in progress — I would respectfully
suggest, that much trouble might be saved
to the Chief Coiner, if instead of taking the
small amounts required by the Dr from
time to time out of the ordinary workings,
a specific delivery were made by the
Treasurer of Gold and Silver Ingots from
which all the denominations of coin might
be made.

The Bullion thus delivered would
be credited to the Treasurer in Ac with the
Chief Coiner and kept apart from the
ordinary deliveries for coinage —

When the Inquiry ended or at
such other time as might be deemed proper
the surplus in the Coiner's hands together

with the amounts returned by Dr Barclay
might be delivered up again to the
Treasurer and the A/c closed.

This plan would seem to be more
business like, than that at present pursued,
and it would certainly greatly facilitate
the Chief Comr, not merely in keeping
correctly his A/c with Dr Barclay, but
in promptly supplying the Dr with every
thing required in the Experimental
Inquiry

Very Respy
Yours

Geo T. Childs
Chief Comr

The Director commends the
above suggestion to the considera-
tion of the Treasurer, and
would be glad to have his
views upon it.

J. R. C.

Copy

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Apr 3, 1857

Gentlemen;

Upon the request of the Assayer of this Mint, I have now to order a gas apparatus, for the good assay, similar to the one furnished by you some time since.

It is arranged with 13 burners, six in the front row, and seven in the back; and the frame supporting the whole, measures about 20 inches long, 18 inches deep, 20 inches high; but a difference of a few inches in either dimension will not be material.

When ready for shipment, you will place it (well packed) in charge of an Express Co. as heretofore, paying them at such rate as will effect an insurance for the whole amount of your bill; which add to your bill, and

enclose the same in a letter to
me. When this has been examined
and approved, you may expect
a remittance for the amount

Respectfully Yours
(Signed) James Ross Snowden
Director

Messrs H. & A. Raymond,
No 8 Postern Row,
Lower Hill,
London,

To
Messrs. W. & A. Raymond
London

Order for Gas Apparatus

Nov 3, 1857

Do you consider the bank absolutely solvent both in having collectible assets sufficient to pay depositors and other creditors and in its ability to meet maturing and the usual demands in the ordinary course?

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Did you leave a letter as instructed for the directors to sign?

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GENERAL REMARKS.

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Examiner.

Chief Examiner.

To the COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY,

Washington, D. C.

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Nov 3. 7

Dear Sir:

The Treasury Department having
authorized the measures proposed to in Your letter of
the 28th ult: to be made at the Mint, I have to
request that You will advise me of the number
of medals desired by Your Institute, and forward
the dies for the same.

Very Respectfully, &c.
Samuel Ap. Richardson
Director of the Mint

Joshua Bancroft Esq.
Pres^t Maryland Institute,
Baltimore,
Md.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Nov. 3, 1857.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a statement
exhibiting the condition of the U. S. Bullion
Fund at the Mint on the 2nd inst.

To
Joshua Vansant Esq
Bal^y

Thanks

Nov 3, 1857-

United States Treasury,

New York, Nov 3^d 1865

Sir

You are very respectfully requested to forward to this Office, through the usual channel, \$900 in three-cent coin, in return for that amount in legal-tender Notes herewith remitted.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Wm. Carter

De & Asst Treas U.S. Mint

Hon Archibald McIntyre

Treasurer U.S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

P. M. Hartshorn

Sept 1st 1825

New York

Nov. 3rd 1825

To The Sec Treasury

Enclosing Bullion
Statement

Nov 3. 1857.

Nov. 2 7.

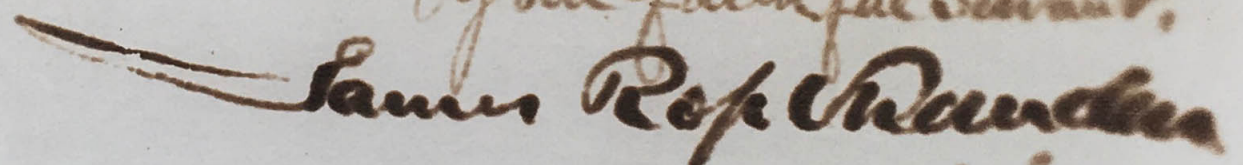
Sir,

I transmit herewith a statement
exhibiting the condition of the Bullion Fund
of the Mint on the end inst.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,


James Ross Chandler
Director of the Mint

Mr. Howell Cobb,

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington City.

Do you consider the bank absolutely solvent both in having collectible assets sufficient to pay depositors and other creditors and in its ability to meet maturing and the usual demands in the ordinary course?

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Treasury Department.
Comptroller's Office.
November 9th 1857.

Hon. S. Ross Snowden.

Director of the U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia. Penn^a.

Dear Sir,

Your favor
of the 6th inst, referring to different modes of estimating
the value of foreign Coins, and asking my views
as to the proper one to be adopted in the present
Case, has been received.

By the act approved February 21st 1853, any
one has the right to deposit his silver and gold
with the Mint, and have them coined into money
or cast into bars, the weight and fineness in the
latter instance being stamped thereon. The value
fixed on the silver coinage being greater than the
intrinsic value of the bullion, affords the Govern-
ment a sufficient gain to cover all expenses.

In cases of gold, the Government is
authorized to charge the depositor one half of
one

one per centum. This charge is the same, whether the deposits consist of foreign or domestic Coins, bullion, jewelry or any other articles composed of that metal. So far as the depositor is concerned, it is a private transaction. I cannot see in what way, this charge should affect the real or intrinsic value of foreign Coins, either in this, or any other Country where they circulate.

If it does, bullion and gold ware, must be affected in the same direction, and to the same extent, which would necessarily restore the former equality.

The gold dollar having been made the unit or standard of value, and the Secretary of the Treasury having directed that all salaries, whether at home or abroad, be paid by one uniform rule, my object in troubling you was to obtain the correct value of all such Coins as our Ministers and Consuls are compelled to receive in payment of their drafts, as compared with the said unit or standard.

It occurs to me therefore, that the mode you adopted in the preparation of your first

table is the correct one, and that it is the value of the Coins, compared with the standard aforesaid, without any reference to the charge made for recoinage, that our Ministers and Agents abroad should be charged with, in the settlement of their salary accounts.

I am, Sir, Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt.

W. M. Dill

Comptroller



From / Comptroller of Treasury

Nov. 10, 57.

As to Statement of Values
of Foreign Coins desired.

(Copy)

Statement showing the value of Certain
Foreign coins as compared with the Gold
Dollar of the United States.

			Value		
			D.	C.	M.
England	Pound Sterling	Gold	4	84	8
France.	Franc	Silver		98	
Spain	Doubloon	Gold	4	96	3
"	Spanish dollar	Silver	1	01	5
Prussia	Thaler	Silver		72	
Russia	Rouble *	Silver		79	4
Sweden	Daler	Silver	1	11	4
Buenos Ayres	Doubloon	Gold	15	50	
Denmark	Specie Daler x	Silver	1	10	7
"	Rigs-bank daler	Silver		55	3
Sardinia	Francs	Silver		98	
Austria	Rix Dollar	Silver	1	02	5
"	Florin	Silver		57	25
Portugal	Milreis †	Silver	1	18	
Brazil	Milreis †	Silver	1	02	5
Rome	Scudo	Silver	1	06	
Naples	Ducato	Gold		83	
"	Carlin	Silver		7	6

* The rouble is divided into 100 Copecks.

† The specie daler, and the rigs-bank daler,
are each divided into 96 Skillings.

‡ Milreis divided into 1000 reis.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Oct. 31.st 1857.

(signed) James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Statement of Foreign
Coins, And their respective
value as compared with
the gold dollar of
the United States.

Min of the United States.
Philadelphia, Nov. 9th 1857.

In reply to your note of the 6th inst.,
I am to state that the exchanges for the new
and former ~~are~~ confined to the cities and capital
and are limited in any direction of capital
and

through one of the banks that may be
known to be able to pay above the limit in a part
of the capital of deposit to be made a capital
and would prefer your view to the other for the
deposit.

Very respectfully,
Yours,

Samuel R. Anderson.

Secy of the Treasury.

Received

Nov 10th

MERCHANTS BANK.

Portland, Nov 6 1857.

J. Robt Snowden Esq

Dear Sir

Please

inform me, if the Mint is prepared to
buy our cents of the new coinage in exchange
for silver of other kinds than those specified
in your circular of April 27th.

Yrs Truly
C. Hayson Esq

Answer.

The exchange of the new
cents, is confined ~~to the present~~
to the ~~silver~~ & copper coin
metal, in circulation

From / Merchants Bank.
to

Portland
Maine.

Nov. 9th. '57.

Exchanges for Cents.

Do you consider the bank absolutely solvent both in having collectible assets sufficient to pay depositors and other creditors and in its ability to meet maturing and the usual demands in the ordinary course?

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Was a meeting had with the board of directors and all matters subject to criticism considered with them? Give names of directors and officers with whom you discussed conditions.

Did you leave a letter as instructed for the directors to sign?

What powers, if any, has the bank been authorized to exercise under Section 11k of the Federal Reserve Act? If any exercised, submit report on Form 1425-D-E-F.

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Treasury of the United States,

Nov. 9th 1857.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive One Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt, and return it to this office by the first mail; and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. CASEY,
Treasurer of the United States.

Saml. Sturgeon,

Treas. U.S. Mint

4647 on 9122 #46925.

Philadelphia

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft or in the endorsement that assigns it to him, taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of president and cashier of a bank or other institution.

From

S. Casey, Treas

Recd

Washington

Nov 10/57

Very respectfully,

Yours obedient servant,

S. CASEY,

Treasurer of the United States.

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263 South Clark St
Chicago Illinois
Nov^r 9th 1857

Sir
Having about one hundred
& fifty dollars worth of old
gold - not refined - should feel
obliged by ^{you} informing - what the
charges of the Mint are for
refining & making into coin
"money" - Yours resptly

Wm. W. Wemyer

To the Master of the Mint

No charge, if it is
wholly in coin - if
jewelry, or base bars,
from 1 to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ^{cts} per oz. -

Coining charge, $\frac{1}{2}$ of
one per cent.

P.S. Have also the same refined & refining
and making into money

From To

Mr M Henry
Chicago
H.C.

Charges for refining
Homing gold

Nov 13, 1887—

November 13. 7.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 9th inst.

The Mint charge for refining gold is from 1 to 2 1/2 cents per ounce.

The coinage charge is the 1/2 of one per cent.

Deposits are paid generally on the second or third day after they are made.

Very Respectfully,
Samuel R. Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Mr. Wm. McKinley,
263 South Clark St.,
Chicago,
Ill.

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U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

November 7th 1854

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th inst. also by the Adams Express Company, of \$ 281,208.23 in Gold Coins, in payment for balance of invoice N^o 150 and on ac^t of N^o 153.

Very Respectfully Yours

Daniel Strong Esq
Treasurer of U. S. Mint

Wm. J. C. West
Treasurer

From

A. J. Ciss, Esq.

New York

Rec'd }
8 Nov '57 }

Depository office

Baltimore, Nov. 7. 1857.

Sir,

I acknowledge the receipt for the Adams Express
to day, of Five thousand Dollars in half dollars,
being the balance due this office on transfer made in
favor of the Depository at Baltimore.

Very respectfully

Yr. obs. serv.

J. A. Adams
Dep. Cash.

Ref
R. Patterson Esq
Atty Gen. U. S. Min.
Philadelphia

From

U. S. Deputy
Baltimore

Rec'd

Nov. 10/57

Mint of the United States:
Philadelphia, Nov. 6th., 1857.

Sir:

In preparing a table of valuation of foreign money, to serve the purposes of the Comptroller of the Treasury, I am led to suggest, that the Statement contained in my Annual Report needs some explanation, to make it available for all commercial purposes. That Statement gives the values of gold coins according to their actual contents of gold, as compared with our gold dollar, which is the true intrinsic par, and furnishes the kind of information desired by all such persons, at home or abroad, as have no occasion to receive foreign money at this Mint. But, as you are aware, a recent act of Congress obliges us to deduct from all such deposits, one half of one per cent. of the value, as a fixed mint charge, payable into the Treasury of the United States. To avoid misapprehension, that fact ought to be stated; and I would propose that the whole would be improved, by a tabular recapitulation, giving in two columns, the intrinsic value, and the value after mint charge, which, if you will return the MS. to me, I will attend to without delay.

I should state, that the Silver coins, which are purchased by a market rate which includes a profit to the government,

are

are not affected by the provision above referred to.

I have the honor to be,

with great respect,

Your faithful servant.

Samuel R. Bowdler.

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb:

Secretary of the Treasury:

Washington D.C.

Smithsonian Institution,

WASHINGTON, OCTOBER, 1857.

A Report on the History and Statistics of the Public Libraries of the United States is now ready for the press, but is delayed for the purpose of giving you an opportunity to furnish information respecting the library of your institution. Please return this circular as soon as convenient, with answers to the following inquiries:

1. Name and location of library in full.

Answer.

2. Date of organization and incorporation.

Answer.

3. No. of volumes in 1857.

Answer.

4. Average annual amount expended for books since 1851.

Answer.

5. Average annual number of volumes added to the library.

Answer.

6. Average annual number of volumes lent to readers.

Answer.

We would particularly request you to send your annual reports to the Smithsonian Institution, and any other information respecting your library.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH HENRY,

SECRETARY SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

To Secretary of the Treasury:

Nov. 10/57

Proposing Change in table of
Values of foreign Coins in Annual report.

Form 23 A

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank -----

Date of Report -----

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
November 7th 1857

Robert Patterson Esqr
Acty Treasurer
U S Mint
Philadelphia

Your Bullion and Coinage
accounts for the 3^d Quarter 1857 have been received.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
P. L. Smith
Auditor

From

J. L. Smith

1st Ave

Recd Washington

Nov. 9/57

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Nov. 7th }

Sir,

I enclose for your consideration a note I received to-day from the Inspector of the Mint. Heretofore Dr. Barclay's expenses have not materially interfered with the business of the Mint. Mr. Longacre has made for Dr. Barclay several dies; but the one he is now called on to execute will require about one week of his own labor, and he is now preparing the working dies for the Mint and its branches for 1858.

On examination of your letter of the 15th of Sept. last I find it to be my duty to report to you the case as presented by the Inspector, and to ask your further instructions on the subject.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithfull servant,

Hon. Howell Cobb.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Nov. 3 185

To/ Secretary of Treasury.

Nov. 1857.

Making of experimental die for
Dr. Barclay's experiments.

Mint of the United States, Philad^a.
Novem. 7.th 1857

Dear Sir

Dr. Barclay has again pressed upon me the making of his experimental die: which I have been obliged to defer on account of the pressure of our work for the coinage: I have not been accustomed to lay this work aside; (for the timely execution of which my office is responsible) for any other business, without special direction; and while I should wish to accommodate Dr. B. in his experiments: I am not certain the exigency is such as to require the postponement of the regular business of my department for this purpose: and should be pleased to receive your special direction, or such advice as you may deem it proper to communicate on the subject.

Very Respectfully,
Yours &c
J. R. Snowden Esq^r }
Director } James B. Longacre
Engraver

Mint of the United States:
Philadelphia, Nov 7th, 1857.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 11th: inst. requesting an offer
for the Nickel which you describe, I have to state that the Mint
is supplied with a sufficient quantity of the Article for its
operations for some time to come, and the purchase of a further quan-
tity is, consequently, unnecessary.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.,

Samuel R. Anderson,
Director of the Mint.

Wm. H. Mallins,
N. York City.

Dr William New York
4th November 1837

James R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

I have about 3000 lbs. of English Thirl
same quality as the one you bought some
time ago, on which I should like you
to make me an offer.

Waiting your reply I remain

Yours respectfully
Wm. J. Collins

From Pto J. J. Hallins—
N. York City.

Nov. 7/57

No ticket required by
mint.

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Mint of the United States:
Philadelphia, Nov. 6th., 1857.

Gentlemen:

The premium paid upon old
American Silver Coins at the Mint is equal
to $5\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. upon the amount of the
deposit; so that the weight of 1000. in Silver
of our old standard would be 1421. in the
Coins of our present issue.

I am, very respect^{ly},
Yours, &c.

Samuel R. Menden
Director of the Mint.

Wm. Bailey & Co.



Phread Nov 6/57

What ought 400 old american
Half Dollars full weight re-
align in the new half Dollar
coinage Respectfully

Yours
Darius C

To
Hon J. Ross Snowden
Treasurer
U.S. Mint

5 1/4 per cent premium on \$400

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From & to / Bailey & Co.

Nov. 7, '87.

Value of Silver Coins U. S. old standard

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From & to	Value
Nov 7, '87	100.00
Nov 8, '87	100.00
Nov 9, '87	100.00
Nov 10, '87	100.00
Nov 11, '87	100.00
Nov 12, '87	100.00
Nov 13, '87	100.00
Nov 14, '87	100.00
Nov 15, '87	100.00
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Nov 24, '87	100.00
Nov 25, '87	100.00
Nov 26, '87	100.00
Nov 27, '87	100.00
Nov 28, '87	100.00
Nov 29, '87	100.00
Nov 30, '87	100.00
Total	3000.00

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San. Mayeur, Sir
Paris Nov 6. 1857

We have a lot of Gold such as German Ten Thalers & also some Napoleon, which we desire to send to the Mint for melting purposes, will you be so obliging as to inform us how much they usually produced at the Mint in Pr. & Cor. & also if the Mint is receiving such description of Coin at this time -
Yrs Very Truly

Yves L. Nicholas, Esq.

N: 28. Paris: 58

Prussian X th.	\$8.00
Brunswick & Hanover	7.88
Napoleons old	3.84
new	3.85½

from which deduct ½ per cent

Samuel Ferguson Esq
Treas. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Recd
Nov. 7/57

From
W. L. Nicholson Esq
Baltimore

Deputy office

Baltimore, Dec. 6. 1857

Sir,

I acknowledge the receipt for the Adams Express Co
of ~~the~~ three and five hundred dollars in greenbacks
three cent pieces and cents in part payment of transfer
order in favor of the Deputy in Baltimore.

Very respectfully

Yr. obedt. servt.

John C. Adams
J. C. Adams

By

R. Patterson Esq

Atty General U. S. Min

Philadelphia

Tring

L. J. Mason, Sept 7

Baltimore

Recd

Nov 7/57

No 54.

Bro Thomas Mason Dep't & Co's
Baltimore Nov 6. 1857

Letter Acknowledging
the 9 money on drafts

Minist of the United States
Philadelphia, Nov^r 6th 1837.

Sir:

Your letter of date the 27th inst., enquiring as to the Copper Coin described by you, has been received.

The origin of these pieces is entirely unknown. They are apparently of British make, and it is doubtful whether they were really coined in the year of their date, viz 1782. A great number of the copper tokens, such as the one in your possession, were struck at Birmingham, in England, where there were several private printing establishments. The coins, with the head of Washington, were not designed, or struck in the mint.

The time of General Washington's inauguration as President, was 1789, so that the supposition made in the last paragraph of your letter, cannot be correct.

I am, very respectfully,

Samuel R. Anderson

Director of the Mint

J. M. Call, Esq.,
Printer &c.

This coin, I believe to be one of
those which were issued during
the Presidency of Washington but
some after called in, by his
order. Of what value would
such a relic be to an anti-
quarian?

Respectfully

L. H. Hall

Hentou. N.S. Nov 4th/1857.

Dear Sir

I have in my possession an
old copper coin stamped on one side
with the head of Washington and
the words "Washington & Independence"
on the outer edge, on the one side;
and on the other is the figure of
the Goddess of Liberty with the
words "United States" above; the
whole bearing date "1783"

From staff: H. Hall.

Nov: 6/57

An old Cent Coin described

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Office of the Eastern Express Company,

35 Court Square, Boston, Nov 5 1857

R Patterson Esq

Dear Sir

I have your of 1st
acknowledging Inps of W. A. Old Cappers.
I have handed the Inps to the Adams Ex
Co & this may be your authority for debiting
the Cts to them when ready. without my
Endorsing the Inps. —

Yours Truly
J R Hall
Supt

J R Hall Esq
Ld.

We this day received from W. A. Old Cappers
Receipt No 1262. dated Nov 3 for \$214. payable in new
Cts in name of J R Hall for B. Sewell. We have received
several letters from B. Sewell in regard to this coin, and will
forward the Cts when ready to B. Sewell Portland Me.

Yours Truly
J. A. Bell
A. B. Co
Pho. Nov 7 1857

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From

J. R. Hall, Sup
Boston

Recd

7 Nov '59

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U. S. Assay Office, Treasurer's Department.

New-York, Nov 5 1857

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 3rd + 14th insts. also by the Adams Express Company of \$573,973.86 in gold coins, & \$145,623.17 in Silver coins.

In reply to the suggestion in your letter of the 3rd inst. that an equivalent to the discrepancy in invoice No 152. be deducted from some future invoice, I have to say that such deduction will be unnecessary at this office, as I have already made correction in said invoice, which now stands charged to you as follows, Gross weight 89471.40 oz = \$ 105 89.659.20 Net value \$ 109,832.52

109,842.64
Differend — \$10.12

Very Resp^t Yours

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas^r U S Mint

J. M. J. C. W. Co
Treasurer

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From

J. J. Cisco, Treas

New York

Rec'd

Nov 6/57

Nov. 5th J.

Sir,

I have received and considered the Communication of the Supl of the Aspy Office of the 2nd unit to the department and I find it true for my views thereon.

The changes to deposits, as ordered by the act of March 3, 1853, must be made to cover the actual cost attending the operations of refining, casting, or forming gold and silver bullion into bars or ingots including labor, freight, use of machinery, materials &c. These changes to deposits, on deductions from the intrinsic value of the bullion, are properly transmissible, on the warrant of the Superintendent, to the ordinary and incidental fund of the Office, and are applicable to the payment of wages as well as other expenses. The views of the Superintendent are therefore correct.

In the recent estimates I submitted to the department I took the same views and hence only ask for an appropriation for

balance at the office. In fact, in
view of the appropriations here made
and the large amount of disbursements,
there will be a considerable balance, in
all probability, at the end of the next
fiscal year. The disposition of which
will be a subject hereafter for your
consideration.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithfull servant,

Samuel R. Randall
Director of the Mint

Wm. Marshall Cobb.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

To Secretary of Treasury:

Nov. 5th 37.

Charges on deposits at Assay &
available for Ordinary Expenses, &c.

Form 23A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Nov. 4th 1857.

Sir;

When I submitted to your consideration the proposition relative to the issue of Certificates on the deposit of gold bullion and coin, and placed in your hands a brief statement of some of the advantages which would result from their issue, you were pleased to indicate a wish that I should present more fully my views on the subject. In doing so, I will notice some of the advantages of the plan proposed, and will adopt the same ^{order} sequence in the paper I placed in your possession.

1. Security to the owners of specie. This would be the same as that of the Government for its own funds, and no improvement in this respect would probably be desired. The advantages of this security would be felt to be so great, that I am satisfied that large amounts of the precious metals would ultimately be accumulated in this way. At present, the holders of coin, beyond what is immediately needed for current use, have to choose between private hoarding of the same with its hazards and annoyances, and the public injury consequent upon its withdrawal from circulation, or its deposit in a bank to be exposed to the various risks, which sad experience shows to be incident to such an institution.

2. The practice of hoarding is much induced by a want of confidence in banks and individuals. If the holder is made secure he would, in most cases, gladly bring it forth from its hiding place, and thus relieve himself from the anxiety and danger which arises from its possession. Robberies, burglaries,

and murders are frequently induced by the practice of hoarding. It is believed that the plan proposed would check this injurious habit.

3. The specie that would be thus deposited would not be withdrawn from circulation, on the contrary it would be ^{as} available as if it remained in actual circulation. The Special Certificates, representing as they would dollar for dollar, would be as advantageous for the purposes of currency as the coin itself. In making payments to the Government, and for domestic exchanges, and in other money transactions, they would be more convenient than coin by reason of their portability, the readiness by which they could be counted, and their facility of transmission.

4. The specie thus deposited would constitute a great reserve to be withdrawn at any time when a special demand for coin ^{might} ~~might~~ ^{arise} without the slightest disturbance of the commerce, or in any market of the country. This is undoubtedly a most beneficial feature; and that it may be better understood, a reference to the usual causes of what is called a financial crisis is appropriate. Such a crisis we find in this country, almost always to happen in consequence of an unusual demand, or the apprehension of such demand, for coin. This demand is chiefly induced by an excess or redundancy of paper currency and credits. The payment of foreign balances is generally the cause of the demand for coin. Under a proper system of currency, namely, one of specie, the exportation of coin cannot be regarded as injurious. Gold under such circumstances would go wherever it is required, just as cotton, wheat, or any other production of the soil, or of the mine does. If we suppose

in the exportation of these productions, we even see gold ac-
tance in parting with gold; this is a consequence of the false
artificial system which has been imposed on the community,
and to this we must look for an explanation. We shall find
it in the organization of our banks. These institutions are
mainly the repositories of the specie of the country, except what
is in current circulation and in the vaults of the government.
On the basis of this specie they obligate themselves to pay on
demand to their depositors and note holders, in coin or a-
mount from six to ten times, or more, the total value of the
specie actually in hand. This disparity of immediate means
to immediate liabilities is so great that in case there should be
a any considerable proportion of them, a demand for the specie
the banks must fail to pay. But even what is comparatively
an insignificant call for coin, which does not exhaust the re-
serve of the banks, may nevertheless produce great disaster
to the business operations of the country. The banks con-
scious of their inability to withstand a demand upon them
endeavor to check its first symptoms and to protect themselves
by calling in their loans, or collecting them as they fall due
and refusing the discounts to which the merchants and
manufacturers have been accustomed. Such a contrac-
tion of loans to a community which has based its busi-
ness on the expectation of them, must evidently prove vi-
ciously disastrous. How often have we seen a slightly
increased demand for specie on the banks growing out
perhaps from the accident of a foreign war, or an unusual
import of foreign goods, bring in its train that contraction

of the loan market which terminates in a paralysis of credit
and business, and the prostration of the merchant, manufac-
turer, mechanic and laboring man? But without enlarg-
ing on this topic, I think it will readily be seen that it
would prove a great benefit ^{to the country} if specie did not operate as
it does, now upon the banks, or in other words, upon the loan
market. By the adoption of the plan I am considering,
I am of opinion that any unusual drain of coin for foreign
exportation or otherwise, would operate mainly, if not solely,
on these Mint and Treasury certificates. So, it is evident
that the banks could continue their usual functions with-
out being disturbed by such a demand. The loan market
would not be affected in any degree, and the panics and fi-
nancial disasters, now so constantly attendant upon the
movement of specie, would cease. These views of course are
founded upon the idea that the certificates herein recom-
mended are not to be counted by the banks as specie. It is well
designed to affect the legislation of the several States on
this subject, which permits only the coin of the United States
to be counted. Hence the certificates could not be used as a
means of banking operations, but as a circulating currency
themselves. The gold which they would represent would
be the great reserve to be used when the special demand
for it should arise.

5. The plan, by substituting paper for specie, placed on de-
posit, will avoid the loss incident to the wear, clipping,
and other injuries to coin through circulation. This in time
constitutes quite a considerable item of loss, and ultimately

contingency to be desirable.

2. If it be alleged that the proposed certificates would be
like a government paper currency for a specific purpose, it
be to secure that such an objection is founded on a confusion
of terms. A paper currency in the sense generally understood
and to which all the objections to such a circulation generally
apply, is one emitted upon the mere general credit of the issuer
whether individuals, banks or government. The interest in
such a paper is profit to their stockholders. The more
they are able to lend, the greater profit is accrued. Therefore
they are stimulated to outdo each other in the amount of
issue, creating a spirit of speculation and high prices
and in consequence increased applications for deposits in the
banks, and a consequent increase in the amount of deposits
and a consequent increase in the stability of the system and a consequent
increase in production and a consequent benefit to all the
members of the community. It is unnecessary, however,
to dwell on the evils of the banking system. It is sufficient to
say, considering the country speaks on this point, more
than in any other. But none of the evils thus adverted to
can be produced by the certificates. I am now considering
the case where they will not be taken up for the purpose of
depositing specific deposits of coin. They will be in fact more
like a paper for coin. There cannot be an overissue of them
any more than the specie for which they are receivable, would
be in excess while in circulation. A coin is not
issued having any further tendency to multiply, and
it encourages speculation than such specie would.

8. It is proposed that the certificates be made payable to
bearer and not to order. For manifest reasons the former is
the most expedient, both as facilitating the currency of the
certificates and relieving the Government and its Officers
from responsibility or uneasiness in relation to the genu-
ineness or validity of endorsements.

9. But it is admitted that the plan will involve some
risk and perhaps expense to the Government. But paper
money and checks such as are used in carrying on in-
fact the Independent Treasury system, and such further
securities as may be deemed expedient, the risk may be
regarded as inconsiderable and the expense but trifling.
The official organization for the execution of it is at present
incomplete, and an additional organization may be
found necessary, which could be provided for
as the exigencies of the case may from time to time arise.
But if the risk and expense are made a subject of objec-
tion, allowing them more force than they seem to pos-
sess - it may be returned as a reply whether it does not
become necessary for the Government to assume a respon-
sibility and expense to accomplish a great Constitutional
object and an evident public benefit, as is done in other
cases where its action is deemed expedient.

As a general remark I may state that the adoption
of the plan proposed will give to the people the benefit
of a system similar in many respects to the admirable
one now used by the Government. It looks towards the
adoption by the people, as well as the Government, of specie,

as a universal representative, as the general medium of
exchange. It will also, in my judgement, lead to the es-
tablishment of similar coin treasuries in the several
States.

In my recent report to the Department on the operations
of the Mint, I have exhibited the amazing increase in the
world's supply of the precious metals within the last few
years. I will not enter upon this subject now; but I refer
to it on this occasion for the purpose of showing that
if we create a demand for coin we can draw it to any
amount that the business of the country requires.

The project I have been considering is not absolutely new,
supported by precedents. Banks, according to their former
charter organization, and before they became related
with the privilege of issuing paper money, were mere
depositories for billon and coin, receiving to the deposit
amount exactly equal to such deposits. The Bank
of London and Amsterdam were such; and the Bank
of Hamburg still remains on that footing. It is
the necessary commercial convenience of the plan, it
appears that the credit in the Banks of London and
Amsterdam is not less than in the Bank of England,
except to the extent of their subscription to the Bank
of London. The Bank of England, under its
charter, contains some balance as a reserve to the
proposed plan. It has the power to issue bills to
the extent of its general credit up to the amount of £10,000,000,
but all its issues are by note that cannot be used as

is a bank. No questions in regard to such a national
issue are therefore absolutely mechanical, as matters
would be the case under the proposed plan of issuing specie
certificates. It was the intention of the authors of the new
bank charter, - which was introduced by Sir Robert Peel,
and prepared by him and other eminent political econ-
omists of Great Britain, - that the volume of the cur-
rency should swell and diminish just as specie would,
were there no bank. As specie accumulates, it goes to
the bank to be exchanged for an exactly equivalent
amount of notes. As specie is demanded, it is withdrawn
by the notes being returned again. This would appear
to have been true for security. There are, however, objec-
tions to the organization of the bank, especially the power to
issue the large amount of £40,000,000 in the currency,
which may probably disappoint the expectations of
its authors. The plan I herein advocate has all the
benefits and none of the disadvantages or evils which
are referred to.

to the power of Congress to authorize the issuing
of paper & bullion and coin certificates. There is doubt
whether a bank that is suggested in any way, has a
reference to them, it is a bank, or a bank in some sense or
in which any other business is as he is, but it is not a
commercial function of receiving gold bullion and coin
and giving certificates therefor. Without looking at the

other than the general provisions in the Constitution,
this power would seem to be embraced in the Constitution
recognition of a treasury of the United States, and the power
"to coin money and regulate the value thereof."

For conclusion, it is proper to state that this sub-
ject, although heretofore somewhat considered, was recent-
ly brought to my attention by Mr James Kendall, an intelli-
gent citizen of Harrisburg, who enclosed to me a copy of a
resolution, adopted by the Senate of Pennsylvania, in
which the use of bank certificates, as a circulating medium,
was recommended, and asked my views upon the
subject. I have, however, deemed it proper, on various
reasons, to communicate them to you, especially because
in my opinion, the plan herein suggested will, in all prob-
ability, be adopted by Congress.

I am the honor to be,

with great respect,

Your faithful servant,

Samuel A. P. Snowden.

Director of the Bank.

He is a member of the
Board of the Bank
of the City.

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Top Secretary of Treas^y

Nov 25th 34.

Giving views at length upon
the issue of Mint "Certificates"
for private deposits of Coin.

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

From
John Hamilton Jr
Phila?

Reserving employ-
ment for Enoch Canby

Dec 2. 1837-

J Robt Snowden Esq
Dear Sir

I am ex-
ceedingly desirous to obtain for
Mr Enoch Canby, an old
& faithful democrat an ap-
pointment as one of the em-
ployes of the Mint; either a
position as Watchman or
Workman. He is I can as-
sure you a most excellent
man and I should esteem
his appointment as a great
favor. I believe you will
do me the justice to say
that I have not embar-
rassed you by pressing
appointments & I therefore
ask this with the more con-
fidence. I called to see

you in regard to it but
did not find you in &
have therefore dropped
these few lines.

Very Respy Yours
John Hamlin
Dec 1. 1857

George Hamlin
Dec 1.

Received copy
sent for book copy

Dec 2. 1857

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

November 30. 1857

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of
the 28th inst., also by The Adams Express Company,
of \$55,653.42 in Silver Coins in payment for invoice
No. 156.

Very Respectfully

Daniel Sturgis Esq
Treas^r U. S. Mint

John J. Cook
Treasurer

From

J. J.isco, Treas
New York

Recd

1 Dec '57

To The Sec Treasury

Transposition of
Bullion between
Phila. & N.Y.

Include Proposition
of Adams Express
Co

Dec 2, 1871

December 2. 7.

Sir,

Referring to your favor of the 27th ult. I enclose a letter I have received from the Adams Express Company respecting the transportation of Bullion and Coin between the Mint and the Assay Office. It is ^{probably} in part a response to your inquiry. But I may state that by reference to my correspondence with the Department in October 1854 it will be seen that among other matters it was proposed, to take a bond with sureties, from the Company for the faithful delivery of the Bullion and Coin. But on a subsequent representation by the officers of the Company personally to the Department this was deemed unnecessary. I then learned on inquiry that to effect an insurance on the Bullion and Coin from Insurance Companies would cost us $\frac{1}{8}$ of one per cent. It was of course deemed ^{to be} to decide incuring too large an expense. But afterwards the Company agreed to give receipts in the form ^{of} ~~receipts~~ ^{of} an insurance against ^{all} risks, or losses for which we agreed to pay at the rate of

50 cents per \$1,000 for great roads, 150 cents
per \$1,000 in return, if any other, that
the Company should approve. This is not
likely, as a matter of principle to the government,
and the influence of the Company in the
transportation.

Experience has shown that these
freight transactions are not affected
with any more risk than the usual
transfer of the government. This Commission
has, as well as the fact of which I learn
from the agents of the Company, & believe to be
true) that the Company pays a higher amount
for railroad transportation than was
demanded at that time, makes no
recommendation that the form of the sample
be modified. I enclose a form of sample
for your consideration. I submitted it to
the officers of the Company, by whom the
words "beyond its powers or control"
have been added, to which I see no
objection.

I have very great confidence
in the responsibility, as well as the ability
and responsibility of the Company, and the

agents and employees. The rates
we pay I believe to be moderate and
reasonable, being considerably less in
fact than is paid by corporations
and individuals ^{for} whom the
Company perform similar services

I have &c

(Signed) James Ross Snowden
Director of the
Bureau

Wm Howell Cook
Sec Treasury,

For
the
Bureau
of
the
Treasury

(Copy.)

Office of the Adams Exp. Co.
No 320 Chestnut St.
Phila. Nov. 30th 1857.

Hon: James Ross Snowden,
Director of the U. S. Mint.

Sir,

In connection with the subject of conversation to day, we beg to re-call your attention to the following circumstances, which induced us to give an insurance receipt, for shipments of Government Specie, between New York and Philadelphia.

Immediately after the establishment of the Assay Office in New York, you deemed it proper to call upon us to make a specific arrangement for forwarding the Assay Office bullion and coin to and from the Mint. — We were at the time employed by the Treasury Department in making its general transfers, with the understanding, that our terms and charges to Government were to be the same as to other important customers. You required from us a receipt agreeing to deliver the treasure at destination, without any exceptions. At that time we were able to transport Specie to New York at the same cost as Merchandise, viz; thirty two cents per one hundred pounds.

The advocates of a removal of the Mint to New York, used as an argument in their favor, the cost and risk of transportation. — We were desirous of meeting your wishes in every respect; and all these reasons combined, induced us to name the rate of fifty cents per thousand dollars for freight and insurance, — the nature of the route via Amboy, and the indestructibility of the treasure, leading us to believe that we were assuming very nearly no extra risk by giving the insurance. At present we are compelled to pay for transportation, twenty cents per thousand dollars, taking entire charge, and assuming all liability; — and the State of the public affairs convinces us that we are not justified in continuing to "insure against all risks".

We are charging our other large dealers, seventy five cents per thousand dollars for Gold, and one dollar and fifty cents for Silver, and assuming only the risks which may arise from the fraud or negligence of ourselves or our agents.

We do not propose to raise the rate to Government, nor do we desire to escape any just responsibility, - but we ask to be relieved from an unusual liability, entered into under peculiar circumstances, and which, as business men, we are not justified in continuing. - When the arrangement was consummated, you declined considering it a contract and left both parties at liberty, to make a change whenever it became necessary or advisable.

We have shown our desire to avoid embarrassing the Department in the slightest degree, by continuing, to forward the transfers under the old form of receipt, making each case a special exception to the notice we were compelled to give on the 10th inst.

Within the last twelve years we have transpired for the Department over Two hundred Millions, without a loss of, or a doubt about, one dollar.

We respectfully ask you to give these considerations their proper weight, and believe us to be,

Your obedient Servts,
The Adams Express Co.
(signed) E. J. Sanford,
Vice President.

Nov. 30. 1857.

From E. S. Sanford,
Vice Pres. Adams' Ex. Co.

asking to be relieved from
continuing the transfers of Gold
and Silver Bullion between
New York and Philadelphia
under the old form of receipt,
on the grounds of not considering
it a contract, and too great risk
and liability under present cir-
cumstances.

Received Philadelphia
1857 of the Treasurer of the Mint
Dollars in Gold Coin
which we undertake as Forwarders
to deliver to the Treasurer of the
Assay Office at New York at the
price of cents per \$1000. It being
part of this agreement that the
Express company is not to be held
liable for any losses, which may
be occasioned by inevitable ac-
cident or irresistible violence,
beyond its power or controul.

Note— 50 cents per \$1000 in gold
1.50 " " " Silver

Transportation of Coin
between the Mint and
Assay Office N.Y.

Proposed Form
of Receipt of
Allams Express
Company.

To. Sec Treasury

December 1857

Transportation of Queen
between N.Y. and Phil^a.

Dec 1. 1857-

Dec. 1.

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Sir,

I hope by tomorrow, on the next day
at furthest, to respond to your favor of
the 27th ult. respecting the transportation
of bullion between New-York and
Phil^a. I have submitted a paper of
a receipt to the Company for consideration,
and have not yet rec^d. their orders
upon it. In the mean time I write
this letter to account for the delay,
and also to state that no circumstan-
ces can result temporary as the
Company continue to carry under the
former arrangement.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful servant,

Hon. Howell Cobb,

Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

James A. Gilchrist,
Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 30. 7.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a Statement of the amount, and denomination, of coins in the Treasury of the Mint, and the condition of the Bullion fund, at the close of business to-day.

A Statement exhibiting the deposits and coinage at the Mint, during the month ending to-day, is also enclosed.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,

Am. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Director of the Mint.

To. Sec. Treasury

Correspondence
U. S. Mint,

Comr & Bullion Statement
also monthly statement
deposit, Comage enclosed

Nov 30, 1857. —

November, 1857

- in the Treasurer's hands

Duplicate

Philad Novm 30. 1857

U. S. Mint

At Adams Exp Co

1857 In Transportation of Silver Bullion

Novm 2	To Treas. Charlestown	\$5000. = @ 6.25¢	31 25
4	To Treas. Pay Office N.Y.	145,645. ¹¹ @ 50¢	218 47
5	To U. S. Depo Baltimore	10,450. = @ 1.50	15 68
9	To Do Do	5,000. = " "	7 50
"	To Treas. Pay Office N.Y.	67,659. ⁸⁶ "	101 46
10	From Do Do	35,979. ⁸² "	53 97
11	To Do Do	55,538. ⁴² "	83 31
"	From Do Do	57,729. ⁷⁰ "	86 59
12	From Do Do	55,653. ⁴² "	83 48
"	To Do Do	50,000. "	75
13	To Do Do	59,842. ⁶⁴ "	89 76
14	From Do Do	18,274. ²⁵ "	27 40
16	From Do Do	42,195. ¹⁴ "	63 29
19	To Do Do	35,966. ⁰³ "	53 95
25	From Do Do	61,171. ⁶² "	91 76
27	To Do Do	57,729. ⁷⁰ "	86 59
28	To U. S. Depo Baltimore	3,500. = "	5 25
"	To Treas. Pay Office N.Y.	55,653. ⁴² "	83 48
			1258.19

Received Payment

At Adams Exp Co
J. H. Deane

Correct:

A. Patterson
Treas. U. S. M.

Treasury Department
November 30-1857

Sir,

I have to urge upon you the imperious necessity of coining the Bullion on hand at the Mint as fast as possible. —

To enable the Department to meet disbursements consequent on the meeting of Congress, I shall be obliged to direct the issue of a Transfer draft on the Treasurer of the Mint in favor of the Treasurer of the U. States for \$300,000 payable in gold coins before the close of this week, and have to request that the Mint may be prepared to meet it. —

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

Norvell Cobb
Sect. of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint Philad^a.

4958
4,301.09
\$648.91

J. M. F. G.
The Sec. Treasury

Rafael Comage
of the Bullion Fund
urged. - States his
intention to issue a
draft on the Mint
for \$300,000 -
Directors to reply, enclosing

Dec 1, 1857 -

document 7

Sir,

I have received your favor of yesterday.
The bullion funds at the Mint stand as follows:

Gold. \$ 311,237.44

Silver. 1,045,466.82

Total due to State. \$ 1,356,704.26

It will thus be seen that the whole amount of gold, in coin and in uncoined bullion, upon which the government can draw is as above stated \$ 311,237.44. The balance is in Silver coin or Silver bullion.

I try to refer to my letter of the 24th of 11th in which the necessity of having at least \$75,000 in gold bullion is made to appear. It would be a serious mistake that you should draw on the Mint for, say, \$236,000 instead of \$300,000, as named in your letter of yesterday.

In order that you may see the state of the bullion funds due the government I enclosed herewith a statement prepared by the Comptroller at my request.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your faithful servant
James Ross Snowden
Secy

Am. Howell Cobb
Sec Treasury

Distribution of U.S. Bullion Fund

30 Nov. 1857

Gold

The Gold in the Mint on the 30 Sep. at the quarterly statement of accounts, was

Bullion	779,405 14	
Coin, including assay pieces	495,942 5	1275347 49
Deduct amount due to all accounts, in Gold, exclusive of U.S.		<u>50,806 50</u>
Difference, or debt in Gold to U.S. 30 Sep.		872,540 99
There has since the above date been transferred to Bullion Fund \$ 500,000.		
and from the Fund 1,150,000		
Net reduction in Gold, by transfers	550,000 00	
The Gold coin has been increased by exchanges for silver as follows	197,696 45	
Actual reduction in Gold coin		<u>352,303 55</u>
Due this day to U.S. in Gold		511,237 44
		34

Silver

The silver in Mint at settlement 30 Sep. was

Bullion	1240,423 20	
Coin	197,555 05	1437,978 25
Deduct due to all accounts, in silver, exclusive of U.S.		<u>56,220 95</u>
Difference or debt in silver to U.S. 30 Sep		1381,757 30
against transfer drafts since paid.	146,000 00	
And silver exchanged for Gold as above	197,696 45	344,976 45
Difference due in silver to U.S. this day		<u>1235,377 30</u>

Total Gold & Silver due U.S.

1,356,704 60

Treas. Office, U.S. Mint, 30 Nov. 1857

David Thompson
Clerk

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

November 28. 1857

Sir

Your letter of the 27th is received;
also by the Adams Express Company \$57,729.70
in silver Coins in payment for invoice N^o 155.

Very Respectfully

Daniel Strong Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint

Wm J. C. Wain
Treasurer

From

Mrs. J. Cisco, Treas

New York

Rec'd

30 Nov '57

The U S Mint

For 366 - \$1,000 Silver bags @ 10.50 % - \$38.43

Pease paid

Wm. Wright B. Leidy

Comet
Geo H. Leidy
Pay per

2 Day Bill

Return 9/2

38.253

Treasury of the United States
28 November 1857

Sir

For enclosed Transfer Draft No 4794. Please forward by Adams Express Compy. in double eagles \$75.000. Eagles \$50.000 - $\frac{1}{2}$ eagles \$50.000 & quarter eagles \$25.000. if you can spare it in these denominations, But if you cannot, then I will thank you to do as near as you can.

Do not send 3¢ pieces

Very respectfully
Yours Eff^t L^t
Sam Casey
Treasurer U. S.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

~~50~~ - 200
75 - 0
25 - $\frac{1}{2}$ 0
15 -

115
75
0

75 000
50 000
50 000
25 000

200 000

From

S. Casey, Pres
Washington

Rec'd

Nov. 29/57

Copy.

Philadelphia Nov 28/57

The U. S. Mint

To Marg: B. Seidy Dr

For 773 - (\$5000) gold bags @ \$5. p.h. \$ 38.65

40	(3000)	"	"	"	4	"	"	2.00
								\$ 40.65

Rec^d payment

(Signed) Marg: B. Seidy

Correct
Geo F. Dilleker
Pay Clk

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Nov. 26th 1857,

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of yesterday. I suggest that the law respecting the change of the one half of one per cent be so modified as to embrace fine bars when hard to export, because it is considered that the act of March 3, 1853 § 96, acts.

~~to making~~
Course no change ~~on~~ the fine bars is intended to be made, Fine bars when hard to export, and mainly intended for transportation abroad, I do not consider that any legislation is desirable or indeed practicable, to prevent the exportation of the precious metals, for they will and ought to go wherever they are most required, but it seems improper to communicate in favor of ~~bars~~ as against coins. A holder of bullion would not receive more at the mint for his bullion of hard in bars for transportation, than if he had in coin he has ~~no~~

builder it is making two Mint
values of Bullion, ~~and~~ ^{and} for a higher
value if paid in bars than if
paid in Coin, this leads to some
Confusion in arranging the Mint
values of Bullion, I am of
opinion for the reason stated
that the Mint value of Bullion
should be the same whether
paid in bars or Coin, and
that the Revenue derived therefrom
to the Government should be the
same in either case, with
~~the~~ the view of policy and
efficiency,

2nd other

The argument may be more shortly stated
as follows: the act of Feb. 21, 1853
authorizing an additional charge
of the one half of one per cent for
making coins on bars; but the act of
March 3, 1853 specifically announcing
that the charge for making bars shall
be equal to but not exceed the
actual cost of the operations. ~~The~~
~~charge of six cents per one hundred dollars~~
~~every time cost but there is no revenue~~
The charges authorized under the act do cover
the expense of forming the bars, but
they are less than the coinage charge,
viz: the bar charge is 6 cents per 100
while the coinage charge is 50 cents
per 100, and the former is applied to
the expense of the mint or assay office
while the latter is payable directly to
the Treasury of the United States.
It is ~~it~~ ~~undoubtedly~~ ~~inexpedient~~ that
this discrimination should be made in
favor of bars as compared with coins.
That is to say when the bars are actually
made by operations instead of coins.
If bars are made by coinage of

Nov. 27, 1857

Tom L

Geo P. Lanza Esq

Ed Am Almanac

Boston

Statistics, Comage

1838. -

Dec B. 1838.

Boston Nov 27. 1857

J. R. Snowden Esq, Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa. Dear Sir.

I
send enclosed herewith the list of the
Officers of the Mint & Branches published in
the American Almanac for 1858. Will you be
kind enough to make the necessary proper
corrections and additions therein, & return it to
me at your early convenience for publication
in the Volume for 1859. now shortly to go to press?

I have your official Report for the
six months ending June 30. 1857. as this leaves
the operations of the Mint & Branches nearly
eighteen months behindhand (dating from Jan 1.
1859. near the time of the publication of the 8th
volume of the Almanac for 1859), I ask you,
as you have done heretofore in similar cases,
to be kind enough to fill up the blanks
on the second page of the sheet I send you,
which will give the operations of the Mint &c
for the year ending June 30. 1858. & which I
desire to publish in a foot note to the
usual statement in regard to the Mint.

With many thanks for your
repeated favors of this kind. I am
very truly
your obt & obliged servt.
Geo. P. Sanger
Ed. Am. Almanac

Decr. 8.

Dear Sir,

I duly received your letter
of the 27th ult. enclosing blank pages
for your almanac, which I have caused
to be filled up and herewith return to you.

Very Respectfully,

S. R. Bowdler

Director of the Mint.

Geo. P. Sanger Esq,
Ed. Am. Almanac,
Boston,
Mass.

Deputy Office
Baltimore Decr 27th 1857.

Sir,

I have this day placed in the hands of the Adams Express Co for collection Transfer Dep't. 4790 for Five thousand Dollars, payable in Silver coin.

You will oblige me by forwarding the amount as follows

viz

Fifteen hundred Dollars in three cent pieces

Seventy five hundred Dollars in Dimes and

One thousand Dollars in half Dimes.

If you have the new cent coin in hand and to spare you will greatly oblige me by sending either fifty or one hundred dollars of them deducting the amount from any of the Denominations named above, as will best suit the convenience of your office.

Very respectfully
Yr. obt. Serv.

Geo. Thompson Mason

Col. & Depository

my

Daniel Surgeons Esq

Pres. N. S. Union

Phila. Pa.

From

J. I. Mason, Dep
Baltimore

Rec'd

Nov 28/57

To
The Sec Treasury
Washington City

Com & Rec'd in Statement
Enclosed

Nov. 27, 1837—

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Nov. 27. 1857.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a statement of the amount, and denomination, of coins in the Treasury of the Mint, and the condition of the Bullion fund, at the close of business to-day.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,

Director of the Mint.

Hon Howell Cobb,

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Nov. 27. 7.

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Your faithful servant,
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Director of the Mint.

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Samuel Bellows Esq
Nov 29. 1857

Sir

I have a quantity of U. S. Coin (Silver) coined
previous to 1853. also a quantity of Spanish $\$4^s 8^{\text{th}}$
Can I exchange them or either of them at the Mint
for new ^{Silver} Coin of $\$4^s 10^s + 5^s$ say 3 or 5000 - perhaps a
10000 at the same rate as hitherto?

Respectfully
S. A. Williams

Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Bellows Falls,
Vermont

Wm L

Bank of Beloit Falls
Vermont

Paid for
Silver
Assured by
Sundry Circular

Nov 30, 1837.

Will Mr Snowden
bring this for, for Mrs Peaco,
and send the receipt by
the bearer her servant.
Let Mrs Peaco know
when she shall come
for the money.

Nov 27th 15.14 Spruce St.

From Mrs Peaco
Phil^a

Sending a parcel
of Silva to be copied

Mr Snowden

W S Mirt
Apr 28th 1837

To. Messrs Blake & Johnson
Watbury
Conn,

Enclosing blank 12 vouchers
request them to be
re ceipted & returned to
me. &c

Nov. 27. 1837.

Nov. 27.

Gentlemen:

I enclose herewith duplicate vouchers for the cast steel rolls recently made by You for the Branch Mill, San Francisco, which you will please receipt and return to me, whereupon I will pay the Amount of the same, to the Adams Express Company as directed in your favor of the 20th inst.

The bill for the above rolls presented by the Adams Express Co. is receipted by "O. H. Stevens Sec", instead of by Yourself, and is not a proper voucher to cover the payment of the account. You will, therefore, please make out duplicate bills for the rolls, and send the same receipted by Your firm, with the enclosed vouchers.

Messrs Blake & Johnson,
Hartford, Conn.

Very Respectfully,
Wm. R. Hammond
Director of the Mill.

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Baltimore 27 Nov 1857

My dear Sir

If not too late
I would be pleased if you ^{would} have
made for the M^d Institute one
Gold Medal in addition to the
order already sent. Thus making
in all nine Gold Medals.

Most truly Yours
James Varnum
Pres

Col Wm P. Snowden }
Director U. S. Mint }

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Dec 7, 1857-

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

November 27. 1857

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th also by The Adams Express Company, of \$308,383.31 in Gold Coins.

As per receipt and statement enclosed I have this day transmitted in the usual manner, four boxes of Gold bullion, weighting gross 9704 ⁷⁹/₁₀₀ lbs. Net value \$197,816 ²²/₁₀₀ for which I will thank you to remit double eagles at your earliest convenience

Very Respectfully

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint

John J. Esco
Treasurer

No. 1113 Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

11 Box containing 9,704 ⁷⁹ Ozs Gold Bullion,

" " " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to \$197,816 ²²

One hundred & ninety seven Thousand, Eight
Hundred & fifteen ²²/₁₀₀ Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Nov 27 1857

Adams Express Co. *[Signature]*

From

J. J. Cisco, Treasr
N. York

Recd

Nov 28/57

From John D. Smith Esq
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Sends per Express
package of four
dust tickets
Payment of
certain drafts
out of proceeds

Dec 4. 1857

August 27th 1861

Dear Sir

I have shipped you this day by
The Adams Express a small lot of gold dust which
you will please assay and pay to W D Smith
who will call on you with my draft
and Rogers Philips

104.50

411.56
145.35

and hand the balance to the Adams Express Co
to send me. I would not trouble you in this way but
there is no exchange to be had now and the firm
of John D. Smith & Co of which I am a member
pays the above gentlemen and we wish them paid

Respectfully

John D. Smith

Nov. 26th 1.

Sir,
In reply to your favor of yesterday, I have to state that the act of March 3^d 1853, act. 7, was ^{one} considered as expending the ^{half} of one per cent change on fine bars for the following reasons. By the act of Feb. 21, 1853, act. 6, it is provided that in addition to the refining or parting charge on bullion, as authorized by the previous act of Jan. 18, 1837 - a further charge was prescribed of the half of one per cent for gold or silver "coined, or cast into bars or ingots." But the subsequent act of March 3, 1853, act. 7, the law was modified to that "where gold or silver shall be cast into bars or ingots..... the charge for refining, casting, or forming said bars, ingots or disks shall be equivalent to but not exceed the actual cost of the operation, including labor, wastage, wear of machinery, materials &c." In consequence of this last named act it has been ascertained that the charge for making bars is no longer the half of one per cent, as was authorized

by the former act, but must be regulated
according to the expense of making
the bars. This charge has been fixed at
10¢ cents per one hundred dollars, and
is applicable to the ordinary expenses
of the establishment; whereas the charge
for making coin is specified, namely
the one half of one per cent, and can
not be diminished, or increased accord-
ing to the expenses affecting the same;
it is payable into the treasury of the United
States as a charge for Coinage.

The argument may be perhaps more
clearly stated as follows: The act of
Feb. 21, 1853 authorizes one additional
charge of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for making bars
or bars. But the act of March 3, 1853
specifically prescribes that the charge for
making bars shall be equal to but
not exceed the actual cost of the
operation. The charge intended under
this act do cover the expense of forming
the bars; but they are less than the
Coinage charge. The bar charge
is 6 cents per \$100 - whilst the coinage
charge is 50 cents per \$100, and the
former is applied to the mint or spe-
cial office, whilst the latter is payable into

the treasury of the United States. It is
considered inconsistent that the decision
action should be made in favor of bars
as compared with coin. If bars
are made for coins of course
no additional charge ought to be made.
But when bars are directly paid
to exporters, and then are mainly, if
not entirely, intended for transportation
abroad - I do not think it desirable
that they should be received on more
favorable terms than coin. It holds
of bullion should not receive more at
the mint, or any office, for bar bullion
than for coin, there in coin, the
former being mainly intended for trans-
portation abroad, the latter for home
use. Besides, it is making two distinct
values of bullion; viz: a higher value
of bars than of coin, which leads to some confusion in ar-
ranging the mint value of bullion.
I am therefore of opinion for the treasury
department, and on the score of policy and
expediency, that the mint value of
bullion should be the same whether
paid in bars or coin, and that

the revenue derived therefrom to the Government
but should be the same in all the cases.

I hope that this explanation may be
satisfactory to you. I may state that of
course, from our examination of the evidence
before the Mint, that the 7th section of
the act of March 3, 1853, herein referred to,
was proposed and introduced by the Chief
Member of the Committee on Finance in the
Senate expressly with the intention of
making a discrimination in favor of gold
and silver coins, the Mint to impose no
extra charge on base metal coin. This
was done by the Commission that the
cost of manufacturing base is less than
that which is required for coin: but I am
of opinion for the matter before stated that
the change and the opinion of the Government
that in both cases the character of the
coin, shape and what State or country
it is derived from have no bearing on the
question of its being a coin or not.

Yours faithfully,
James R. Thompson
Hon. Howell Cobb
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

To
Co.

Hon Howell Cobb

Sec^y Treasury

Implication to Mint
charge on fine bars
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Nov. 26, 1857

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New York Nov. 26/57

Sir

I am a collector of coins, and would like to know, if it is not too much trouble, to you, when the United States first began to strike off coins.

I would also like particularly, to know, ~~whether~~ whether there were any cents struck off, in the year 1815; you will oblige me much by answering this.

Your obt. servant
John C. Thatcher

To the Suptd. of U. States Mint

From John C. Thatcher
New York

Coinage of the mint

Nov 30, 1837

The Army, Secretariat
Nov 25 1857

Sir

An examination of your report of 12th Oct^r & having
the operations of the Mint establishment for the half of
the fiscal year ending 30 June 1857 with a view of as-
sessing it & my annual report and noticing such
suggestions as call for special notice, my attention
has been drawn to your recommendation on page 5
that the law be amended in regard to the charge
of half per cent seignorage on fine bars as well as coin
imposed by Act of 21 Feb^y 1853 which your report was
restrained to coin alone by Act of 3 March 1853 - and
recommend that this charge be re-imposed on bars
as well as coin in which I concur. But before I
can ask the law to be changed, I should be able to
point out the provision which requires alteration.

When you were here I recollect that you brought
the subject to my notice, but the manner in which you
then suggested the Act of March 3rd 1853 to have exempted
fine bars from this seignorage has escaped my recol-
lection. On looking at its provisions as to day, bars
assayed at the Assay office are subjected to the same
charges as are by law authorized to be made at
the Mint. By the Act of 21 Feb^y 1853 bars and coin
are expressly subjected to this charge at the Mint.

I am unable to discover any latent ground
in the exemption of fine bars from this charge
of one half per cent - and must request you to
point out in detail the ground on which this
exemption has been made, that I may not
only be satisfied myself that the law requires
alteration, but be able to explain the necessity
to Congress.

I will thank you to furnish me with
this information at your earliest convenience.

It appears that you accidentally omitted
to affix your signature to the tabular state-
ment of deposits and coinage for the half
year, which I will thank you to sign and
return.

Very respectfully
Yours &c &c

Wm. C. Cobb

Secretary of Treasury

J. Rep. Landon Esq
Secretary of the Mint
Philadelphia

From Hon Howell Cobb
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

In relation to charge
on fine bars &c

Nov 26, 1837

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

November 24 1857

Sir

As for receipt and statement enclosed I have this day transmitted Twenty four boxes Silver Bullion, weighing 48,570.62 ozs net value \$ 61,141.56 contains gold \$ 30.06 net. for which I will thank you to remit as follows.

\$ 40,000. in Quarters,

\$ 20,141.56 21,141.56 " Halves

30.06

30.06 " Gold Coins

61,171.56

A further draft for \$ 200,000. has been drawn against the Bullion fund of this Office, payable in gold coins; which I am unable to transfer, until I receive a remittance from you. I will therefore thank you to make payment for Bullion now in your hands, at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully

Daniel Sturgis Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint

J. M. J. Geo
Treasurer

From

J. J. Cisco, Jr

New York

Recd

Nov 25/59

No. 162

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Box containing _____ Gold Bullion,
 24 " " 48 540.64 ozs Silver "
 Parcel " _____

Amounting in Net value to \$ 61,171.62

Sixty one Thousand, One hundred &
 seventy one ⁶² Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
 of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
 Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Nov 24 1857

Adams Exp. Co. *John H. Allen*

Treasury Department,
Comptroller's Office,
Nov. 24. 1857.

Samuel Turgess, Esq.
Treasurer U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.
Sir,

Your Account of
Gold, Silver and Cent Bullion, for the quar-
ter ending June 30 1857, has been reported at the
Treasury; and the following balances found to be
in the Mint on that date, to wit:-

Gold Bullion, —————	\$128,061.52
Silver " —————	1,327,588.74
Gold Coins, —————	378,825.34
Silver " —————	351,037.63
Cent Bullion, —————	89,622.77
" Coins, —————	191.64
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	\$2,775,827.74

I Am, Respectfully,
Yours,
W. M. Miller
Comptroller.

From

W. Medill, Compt
Washington

Recd

Nov 25/57

Pittsburgh Nov 24th 1857

James B. Snowden Esq.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 20th is duly received enclosing draft for one Chilled Bill for the Mint and in reply must claim your indulgence for a short time as we are not running owing to the fact that I may say most of our Mills and the Mills nearly all over the Country from which I always got plenty to do in the shape of Chilled Bills have stopped. I finished out the last order one week ago and for want of work was obliged to stop - Hope however to get started soon again and when we do yours will be the first order as I am daily expecting to receive orders from some of the mills to start again

Respectfully

John C. Parry

By D. H. Torrey

From
John C. Tamm Esq
Pittsburg
Pa

ack receipt of order
for 2000

Nov 26, 1837

Mint of the U. S. Philad: Nov. 30. 1857

Dear Sir

At your request, I have examined the design by Mr. Bruff, proposed as a reverse for the Double Eagle; with a view to its adaptation: While I think well of the spirit and intention as expressed by it; There are some points which would require a change; as for instance:

The important parts fall too low on the face of the coin for symmetrical effect. The crest (heraldically speaking) occupying nearly half of the field: which is without sufficient precedent in such an arrangement.

The rays extending over the whole circumference, is not in accordance with the heraldic intention — the radiation being merely an Aurora and belonging only to the crest.

On the same ground, the scroll containing the motto, should proceed from, or be held in the "beak of the Eagle".

It is necessary also to remark that the stars on the chief of the shield, are out of place: they belong only to the crest; the description of the shield being simply, "paly of thirteen pieces argent and gules, a chief azure".

The thirteen arrows unquestionably belong to the original intention of the arms: but the number has been reduced on the coin: for the reason, that so large a number within the small space to which they are necessarily restricted, would render ^{it} nearly impracticable to give the true character.

The clouds it is equally true, belong to the crest, but the difficulty of representing them in an agreeable manner, in low and colourless relief — has made it appear most judicious to dispense with them, upon our coins.

These apparent liberties with the prescriptions of herald.

ry, are found more or less necessary in all countries, and are constantly occurring in respect to the coinage.

The discretion and taste of the artist apparently, being left to select the elements most appropriate and essential.

The Eagle is designed with spirit; but is not sufficiently discriminative in character, as the "American Eagle": The feathers in the wings are too much separated and require a more correct ornithological arrangement.

Such are briefly my impressions in regard to the question of adaption; otherwise the design has more than ordinary merit.

Very Respectfully Yours &c

J. R. Snowden Esq }
Director of the Mint }

James B. Longacre

Dec 1. 7.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 24th ult. enclosing a design for the reverse of the double-eagle piece was duly received.

I have carefully examined the design in question, to see whether it is well adapted ^{for coinage.} ~~to the coin in question.~~ In general I think, the design is quite excellent but there are some points which would require a change; as for instance the important parts fall too low on the face of the coin for symmetrical effect. The crest (heraldically speaking) occupying nearly half of the field: which is without sufficient precedent in such an arrangement.

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The eagle is designed with spirit; but I may venture to suggest that it is not sufficiently discriminative in character, as the "American Eagle." The feathers in the wings, it seems to me, are too much separated. In the natural bird they are certainly much more compressed or closely arranged together.

I have thus very frankly stated my impressions in regard to the design you have sent me; but whilst I have thus pointed out some defects which have attracted my attention, I take pleasure in stating that it is highly creditable to you as an artist, and must justly be regarded as a work of considerable merit.

I am, very Respectfully
Your friend & Obedt. Servt.

J. Goldsborough Buffington
Washington City,
Samuel R. Plimden,

To Call me Snowden
Supt. of U.S. Mint
Philade^a

Washington City
Nov. 24. 1857.

Dear Sir,

Soon after I had the pleasure of an interview with you, in the office, and was favored with your order to furnish a design for the reverse of the Double-Eagle piece, I sketched out the device, which I have just perfected and enclosed. Pardon my seeming neglect in the delay, for the sketch was thrown in the drawer, covered with other drawings, and for a while forgotten.

In order to obtain space for the wings, I have lowered the Eagle, so that his head and not the shield is nearest the centre of the field. By the section, you will perceive, I obtain good bold relief for the charge, by giving a concave ground. The other side may be level - as it is.

The principal coins of a nation should exhibit the National Arms as correctly and conspicuously as possible; and I flatter myself, that you will herein give me credit for displaying them, both heraldically and naturally, correct. — An American Eagle, with wings expanded; on his breast the Shield of the U.S. In his dexter claws, an olive-branch; in the sinister, a bundle of 13 arrows. Over his head a constellation of 13 stars, surrounded by clouds, and a glory breaking through. Motto, "E. Pluribus Unum".

Perhaps you will look favorably upon the border, as something new - balls and points, and more lively, if I may use the expression.

From & To

J. Goodenough Buffum
Washington City

In relation to design
furnished by him
for reverse of South
Eagle

Nov
Dec 31, 1837.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

November 23 1857

Sir

I have this day transmitted by the Adams Express Company three boxes gold bullion, the receipt & statement of which I enclose, weighing 8,396.82 ozs. net value \$ 171,026.91 for which I will thank you to remit double eagles at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully

David Sturgeon Esq
Treas. U. S. Mint

John J. Beck
Treasurer

From

J. J. Cisco, Treas

New York

Recd

Nov 24/57

No. 161

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Three Boxes containing

8396.829 Gold Bullion,

"

"

Silver "

Parcel

"

Amounting in Net value to \$ 171,026.91

One Hundred Seventy one thousand and
Twenty Six 9/100 Dollars -which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at Fifty
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.New York, Nov 22^d 1857

Adams Express Co

J. D.oley

To.
Hon Joseph Henry Esq
Sec. Smithsonian Institution
Washington

List of Books in
Library of U.S. Minis

Nov. 19. 1837.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Nov. 19, 1857.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the re-
ceipt of Y

Jan 18 1858

Received of Mr. J. M. Smith
the sum of \$100.00

for the purchase of
the sum of \$100.00

Nov. 19th

7.

Sir,

I am writing to you to present an
earlier reply to your Circular, promising to
answer which was the ~~first~~ the form of the
former Circular, and not seems to be either
dead for the Institution. Its regular library
has ever been attached to the Mint and
upon my accession to the Office of Director
in June 1853 I found a number of books
and pamphlets which had been from
time to time purchased by my predecessors.
These I have had arranged and indexed
and have added new publications
upon Coins, metallurgy and political
economy, as seemed desirable for informa-
tion and reference. There is now about
250 volumes belonging to the Mint, and
it is my purpose to increase the number
as opportunity shall occur. The small
addition to our library, and made from
the ordinary appropriation for the support
of the Mint, it would be very desirable
if Congress would appropriate say, five
hundred dollars for increasing the library.

and an annual appropriation of say,
One hundred dollars hereafter. The main
questions which arise at the Court, and its
branches, and, ^{other} which are referred by
other departments of the government to
include the establishment of a suitable
collection of books and pamphlets on
Coinage, Metallurgy, Currency, and
kindred subjects, of the highest im-
portance.

I enclose a list of the books
and pamphlets at present in the Mint.
It presents but a meagre selection, and
many of them have been presented to
the institution - some of them relate
to subjects not connected with
the business of the Mint.

I am, my Robert, your
ob. servant,

Non. Joseph Henry Esq. James Repl & another
executors
Smithsonian Institution.
Washington City.

A List of the Works in the Library of the Mint of the United States.

Official Reports, Congressional Proceedings, &c.		
Laws of the United States - 13 vols.		
U. S. Statutes at Large	11 .	
Executive Documents	77 .	127
House Miscellaneous	4 .	7
House Journal	5 .	9
Senate Journal		
Reports of Committees	8 .	11
Reports of the Secretary of the Treasury 1850-1857 (Comm. Mar. 2)		5
Do. 1858-1859 (Finance) 7 .		12
Patent Office Reports 1850-1857 13 vols.		
Indian Affairs Report do. 2 .		

Works on Numismatical Subjects:

- Baron Bunsen's Collection of Coins
- Compendious Companion:
- Capitulum Coins - Imperial Museum. Vienna.
- Catalogue of Coins &c. - Mint Museum at Paris.
- Impression of Coins - made in the Mint at London.
- Wright's Collection of Coins
- The Coins of England
- Reveries on Coins
- English on German Language.
- Catfield & Baber's new varieties of Coins
- Works on Metallurgy and Mineralogy:
- Libby's. Voyage metallurgique en Angleterre. 2 v.

Traite des Mines Monnaies - anonyme

Sanad's system of Mineralogy

Examen chimique de différentes Substances minérales

Introduction à la Mineralogie 2^d.

Whitney's metallic Wealth of the U.S.

Traité des Mines, Papiers, etc. 2^d.

• Voyage Metallurgique 2^d. - Duprenoy.

• Traité des Mines par la voie sèche 2^d. - Berthier.

Wortson Currency, Political Economy, &c.

Chalmers's enquiry into the utility of natural resources.

Smith's doctrine of money

The Nature, measure & causes of value.

Edwards's practical, moral & political economy

Mills's essay on political economy.

Forest distribution of wealth

Fairclough's manual of exchanges

Hayes's Monies, weights & measures

- State of the Nation.

Vaughan on Money

Public Accounts for 1842

Accidents proposed for a secure currency.

- Massachusetts's Currency.

- Essai sur les monnaies

Raguet on Banking

Toplis on Banking

- Essays on political economy

James Mill on Money, Exchange & Political Economy.

Whitney's Universal Merchant

Riccardi's Political economy
- Usury and its effects.

Wrote on Chemistry, Commerce, & Arts, etc.
Lavoisier's elements of Chemistry 2 vols.

Cramer's Art of assaying metals

- Abregé de la chimie chimique.

Mallock's Commercial Dictionary 2 vols.

Mayer's Synopsis of the Com. & Soc. System vol. 2 vols.

Thomson's Essay on Chemical Analysis

Outline of the course of Zoological lectures at the College

Hayward's Commercial Statistical Register

- Dictionnaire des Arts et Manufactures 25. Dictionnaire

- The philosophical Commerce of Arts.

Historical & Miscellaneous Works:

Accompaniment to Mitchell's map vol.

do " Map of the world.

American Almanac 37, 40, 42, 43.

Euclid's elements of Geometry

Minor's History of Wyoming

The World displayed 7 vols.

Cox's Medical Dictionary

Binomial Acquisit. 1877

Locke's Essay on Human Understanding.

Callet's Supplement

Traité de la Chaleur 33. - Péclet.

* Vais's Dictionary of Art.

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia,

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To.

Hon Joseph Henry Esq
Sec Smithsonian Inst.
Washington

Supplemental list of
Books in Library of U.S.
Mint.

chw 23.⁹ 1837

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a. Mar. 23. 1857.

Dear Sir,

By an accidental omission
a number of our most valuable books were
omitted in the list I sent you on the
19th inst. The principal numbers of them were
in the Appay rooms. I hasten to supply the
defect and herewith enclose the supplemen-
tal list.

I am, with great respect,
your obt^d servant,

Samuel Rose Chandler,
Director of the Mint.

New. Joseph Henry, U.S.

Mint books, in the Assay rooms—

1. Essai sur les Monnoies, ou Reflexions sur le rapport entre l'argent et les denrées. St. Maur. 4to. Paris, 1746.
2. Traité des Monoyes. Boizard. 2 vols. 18mo. Paris, 1711.
3. Traité des Monoyes. De Bettange. 2 vols. 18mo. Avignon, 1760.
4. Monnoyes d'Allemagne. Etienne de Bordeaux. 1 vol. 18mo. Berlin, 1752.
5. La Amonedacion en Nueva Espana. Don Fausto de Elhuyar. 1 vol. 12mo. Madrid, 1818.
6. Commerce of Spanish America. Torres. 1 vol. 12mo. Phila. 1816.
7. Description de Medailles Antiques. Mionnet. 1 vol. 8vo. Paris, 1808.
8. Archiv für Mineralogie, &c. Karsten and Dechen. Berlin, 1839. 1 vol. 12mo.
9. Dictionary of Chemistry & Mineralogy. 2 vols. 4to. A. & C.R. Aikin. London, 1807.

10. Recent Discoveries in Chemistry and Mineralogy. 1 vol 4to. Aikin. London, 1814.
11. Traité des Monnaies d'or et d'argent. 1 vol. folio. Bonnerille. Paris, 1806.
12. Tables portatives de Logarithmes. 2 vols. 8vo. Callet. Paris, 1829.
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Post office
Providence R.I.
June 23^d 1857

Sir

About the 25th of
May we forwarded from
this office for Express \$50
(fifty U.S.) in old cents
for exchange for new coin
since which we have heard
nothing of them - please
inform this office if they
arrived, and the probable
time we may expect the
new coin

Yours
Blair Kend

Let this man have his cents
as soon as convenient
L

June 25th

Sir

In reply to your favor of the
23^d inst I have to state that the postage
of coin you refer to was duly received
at the office and will be paid for in
cents of the new issue at our earliest
convenience.

Yrs Respectfully,
Saml Ropes & Co.
Director of the Mint

To the Postmaster,
At Providence,
R.I.

To Port Master
at Providence
R.I.

Respt Deposit

Nov 25, 1857 -

To

Mr Wm L. Harlow
~~Sec Smithsonian Inst~~
At Saint Louis
Missouri

Transmit by mail
copy of my last
Annual Report

Nov 23, 1837. —

In the last report of the
Sec. of the Treasury you
see a reference to an estimate
I made of the amount
of gold & silver coin in
the U. S.

The other question I
asked I have no
present means of answering

W. L. Garrison
P. S. P. S.

For Mr. Garrison
Boston
Mass.

Nov. 23).

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 17th inst.

I send you a copy of my last annual report in which you will see a statement of the amount Com. Stock at the moment & its branches up to the end of 1856.

You will find in the next report of the Secy of the Treasury which will be laid before Congress two weeks from to-day a statement bringing up the Statement of Coins up to the 30th of September last.

Do you consider the bank absolutely solvent both in having collectible assets sufficient to pay depositors and other creditors and in its ability to meet maturing and the usual demands in the ordinary course?

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Chief Examiner.

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U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE / 1857 / NOVEMBER

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To,
The Sec Treasury
Washington City

Usual Weekly Statement

Nov. 21, 1857.—

Nov. 21st

Sir,

Herewith please find enclosed a statement of the amount, and denomination, of Coin in the Treasury of the Mint, and the condition of the bullion fund, at the close of business to-day.

On the receipt of your former letter, requesting a daily statement, I directed it to be forwarded, and supposed it was done, from the Treasurer's office, until I received your favor of yesterday. I will see to it that the statement is sent to you regularly in accordance with your instructions.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful servant,

Wm. Howell Cobb,

Secretary of the Treasury, James Polk Administration,
Washington City. Director of the Mint.

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New York Nov^r 21st 1857

Col. Jas^r Ross Snowden

Dear Sir

I ascertained that I could get the rolls to New York and get them shipped this day, and have done so, instead of waiting untill Monday as we supposed we should be obliged to. I have just received the bills of lading which are enclosed and now forward the whole by Adams & Co's Express. Please return by Adams & Co Express the amount of the bill as soon as you can conveniently as we have obligations to meet soon and you will much Oblyze

Yours very truly

James P Blake
for Blake & Johnson

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Mm

Messrs Blake & Johnston
Chicago

Nov 21, 1887

Nov 23, 1887

Shipment of Coal

Steel rails, to Cal?

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

November 20 1857

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 19th inst. also by the Ad-
ams Express Company. of \$35966.03 in Silver
coins in payment for invoice N° 1544.

Very Respectfully,

Daniel Sargant Esq
Treas^r U. S. Mint

John J. Wick
Treasurer

From

John J. Cisco, Treasr

New York

Rec'd }

21 Nov '57 }



U. S. Assay Office,
New York, Nov. 20. 1857.

Dear Patterson,

The correction,
noted by you in invoice no. 158,
is manifestly proper as you state.
A figure was missed as on
a former occasion there being
no one here to review the work,
it escaped our notice. I trust,
however, this will be avoided in
the future, although I have
scarcely time to look at a
figure more than once, having
often to calculate 80 to 100
deposits in a day besides filling
up the memorandums.

As ever, Sincerely Yours,
Chas. W. Belman

From

G. W. Edelman

N. York

27

Recd

Nov 21/57

To Hon W. Medill
Comptroller Treasury Dept.
Washington City

Specie payments
in ~~francs~~ Belgium

Nov 20, 1857

Nov. 21st 7.

Dear Sir,

Since my L^{tr} of yesterday I have received from two competent and independent sources, very satisfactory information as to specie payments in Belgium. Gold was demonetized there three or four years ago, and silver is the only legal metallic currency; French gold is uncurrent and sells at a discount. Consequently the true valuation of the Belgian franc, for your purpose, is 19.6 Cents.

Let me conclude what I have to say on this rather intricate question by showing the effect of a reverse system in the valuation of salaries. viz: that instead of paying the Minister - say at the French Court - according to the valuation which our mint puts upon French Coin, he should be paid according to the valuation which the French mint on the Bank of France puts upon our Coin. It appears that the Paris mint value of the American gold dollar is 5.18 francs. At this rate the salary of \$17,500 would make 90,650 francs. But the Commercial or Paris Bank value of

Our gold coin is ^{French} 3093.70 per kilogramme
on ^{the} 32.15625 Troy - which, supposing coin
of legal weight would make the balance
francs 90,496.10. Then on the other hand
at our rate of 19.2 cents to the gold
franc, the salary would amount to
francs 91,666.66.

One of the gentlemen to whom I am
indebted for facts in this case argues that
the salary should be paid on the former
basis, the least favorable to the Ministry;
but my reply is, that upon such a
basis, we have to rely upon the interpreta-
tion of foreign valuation, as well as
the merit of the banker; and in many
cases would find it difficult to find
what value was put upon our gold
coin; as for instance, at Berlin, St. Petersburg
or Constantinople; and any information
we might get upon this point might
be complicated with the question of
exchange, premium &c; and this
understands the Secretary of the Treasury
wishes to avoid.

I am admonished by this correspon-
dence to initiate some system by which

I may be more accurately and freshly
informed on these points, although they
do not necessarily ^{belong} to the mint direction.
I am much surprised to find how
difficult it is to get reliable answers
even from houses daily dealing in foreign
money and exchange.

When you call on pointee I will
be much obliged if you send me a
few copies.

I am with great regard,
your ob^d. servant,

James R. Henderson,
Director of the Mint.

Hon^{ble} William Medill.

Camp Feller,
Treasury Department,
Washington City.

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Treasury Department
Nov. 20. 1857.

Sir

Be pleased to have the daily
statements of the Coinage at the Mint, and
the Condition of the Bullion fund, regularly
transmitted to the Department. None has
been received for several days.

I am very Resp.
Yours truly
Sec of the Treasury

J. W. Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

From Sec Treasury
Washington City

Requesting Statement
of Bull in Fund W
be regularly sent

Nov 21, 1887.

Jersey City Nov. 20. 1857

Dear Sir.

If it will be a source of much inconvenience to you to accede to my requests hereinafter stated you had better toss my whole communication in the fire and give yourself no further concern about the matter.

I am making a collection of American coin and would ask you to put in the several dates when the different coins of the United States were first coined and if any interruptions in their issue have occurred -

In the accompanying statement you will please fill up the blank spaces ~~for~~ ^{by} the proper date, and if interruptions in issuing have taken place, please note the years after the words "except."

My design is to collect ^{to the present time} a coin of each year from the Confederation, and have them nicely fitted in shallow drawers - I have collected the most of them saving some ~~dates~~ of particular dates - I have been led to believe that the Government has not issued them ^{every} year and that further trouble is unnecessary for me to obtain them - Your compliance ^{with} ~~to~~ my wishes will greatly oblige
Yours Mt. servt. A. S. Jackson

Wm L
A. S. Jackson
Jersey City

Statistics of Lomax

Nov 24. 1837

Nov. 24. 7.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of Your favor of the 20th inst.

As a convenient mode of presenting
the information You desire, in relation to the coinage
of the Mint, I send You by mail a copy of my Annual
Report for the year 1856, and a printed tabular statement
of the Coinage of the Mint from its organization to the
close of the year 1841. The statistical tables attached
to my Annual Report contain many valuable details
in relation to the coinage of the minting establishments
of the U. S. States.

Very Respectfully,
Samuel R. Anderson
Director of the Mint

A. S. Jackson Esq.,
Jersey City,
N. J.

Coin
Silver
One Dollar

Statement

Commenced to be issued in the year
and has continued uninterruptedly until the present
year except

Half do

Commenced in year

& continued yearly except

Quarters do

Begun in year

& continued yearly except

10 cent

Begun in year

& continued yearly except

5 cent

Begun in year

& continued yearly except

3 cent

Begun in year

& continued yearly except

Copper

1 cent

Begun in year

& continued yearly except

Gold

Double Eagle

Begun in year

& continued yearly except

Eagle

Begun in year

& continued yearly except

Half Eagle

Begun in year

& continued yearly except

Quarters do

Begun in year

& continued yearly except

To. John L Parry Esq
Pittsburg Pa

Ordering one cast
iron roll for the Press

Nov. 20. 1837.

Nov. 20. 7

Dear Sir,

I have to request that you will manufacture for the Mint, one cast iron chilled Roll of the dimensions stated in the enclosed memorandum. Please advise me as to the time we may expect to receive the roll in question.

Very Respectfully,
Samuel Apthamander,
Director of the Mint.

John C. Parry Esq.,
Pittsburg,
Pa.

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12. Store Street, Bedford Square.

London 20. Nov 857.

Sir

I beg to acknowledge receipt
of your letter of the 3^d inst. Your orders
for an assay-balance and three sets
of assay-weights for gold will be attended
to immediately

I regret to learn that my balances
that ~~my balances~~ should have suffered
during the transport; shall therefore
make arrangements for dismounting
the apparatus for safer packing.

I remain

Sir

Yours Obediently
Ludwig Berthling

J. R. Snowden Esq

From Ludwig Oetling Esq
Lund

Ac/R: am for
assay balance

Dec 5. 1857 -

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

November 19th 1854

Sir

I enclose receipt, and statement
of four boxes gold bullion, weighing 12237.96
ozs, net value \$249,726.34

I will thank you
to remit in payment double eagles.

Very Respectfully

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas. U.S. Mint

Wm. A. Scofield
Treasurer

From

Jno. A. Cisco, Treas

New York

Rec'd

Nov. 20/57

No. 160

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

14 Box containing 12 237.96 ozs Gold Bullion,

" " " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to \$ 249,726.34

Two hundred forty nine thousand
seven hundred & twenty six ³⁴which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Nov 19 1857

Adams Express Co. *W. B. Babcock*

No. 160.

Forty eight Bars of Fine Gold
transmitted to the U.S. Mint for Coinage,
in pursuance of the Act of March 1855,
by John J. Cisco, Treasurer of the U.S.
Mint Office, New York.

1857.

November 19th Four Boxes # 79 @ 82 containing

Nos. 4267 @ 4286.	20 bars weigh	5026.81 @	992 F
4287 @ 4305.	19 " "	4889.02 " 992 F	
4306 @ 4314.	9 " "	2322.13 " 992 1/2 F	

12237.96

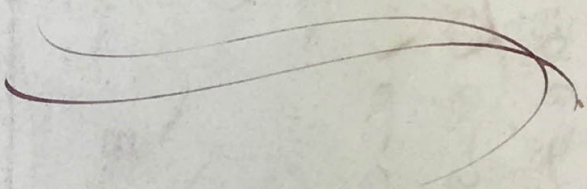
13490.242 Ounces Standard = \$250,981.25
Deduct for Coinage 1,254.91

Net Value, \$249,726.34

No 160

Rec $\frac{d}{d}$ November 20th 1797

Gold \$249726.34



United States Assay Office,

New-York, Nov. 19, 1857.

Sir,

In compliance with
your request of the 18th
I send enclosed a statement
of the business of this Of-
fice for the 3^d quarter 1857.

I will send a similar
statement for October in a
few days.

Very respectfully

Yours alt. servt.,

S. F. Plattworth Supr.
per Geo. F. Denning.

Hon. J. R. Newton, }
Director of the Mint. }

From Saml F. Butternorth Esq
Supt U.S. Assay Office
N.Y.

Dr Statement 3.9
Dr. 1837

Nov 20, 1837.

C. M. W.

Treasury Department,
Comptroller's Office,
Nov. 19 1837.

Daniel Sturgeon, Esq.
Treasurer U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, and
to state that the papers therein contained
are satisfactory. -

I am, Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servant,
W. Meadell
Comptroller,

From

W. Medill, Compt
Washington

Rec'd

20 Nov '57

copy

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a Nov. 18, 1857.

Saml F. Bitterworth Esq,
Supt U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Please
~~forward~~ Send Statement of the operations
of Your Office during the third quarter
of 1857, ~~at your earliest convenience~~
without delay.

L. R. S.

Nov. 18. 7

Sir,

A communication has this day been received from the Secretary of the Treasury requesting to be furnished with a statement of the operations of the Mint and its Branches, for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1857. - As the reports received from Your Office only show Your operations to the 30th of June last. - I have to request that You will present at Your earliest convenience, a statement of Your operations for the ^{quarter ending on} the 30th of September 1857, that the same may be embraced in the statement called for by the Department.

Very Respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

for the Director of the Mint.

Saml. J. Butterworth Esq
Supt U. S. Assay Office
N. H.

To, The Supt. U. S. Assay Office
N. Y.

Requesting Statement
of operations for Quarter
ending Sept. 30, 1857.

Nov. 18, 1857-

Banking House of E. G. BURKAM & CO.

Cincinnati, Nov 18th 1857

To Director of U.S. Mint at Philadelphia

Dear Sir:

We send
to day by Adams Express 6
american gold coin \$10,000
for account and subject to
the order of H. H. Hobbs Cashier
Branch at Laurensburgh Ind of the
"Bank of the State of Indiana"

Yours Respy
E. G. Burkam & Co

of
from
Ely Burkhun & Co
Cinn^{ta}

Transmits \$10,000
in full Com^{to}
credit of Dr
Bank Lausanne,
Sw

Nov 26. 1837)

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

November 17 1857

Sir

I herewith enclose statement
and receipt for five boxes Gold bullion
weighing gross 11943.95 ozs net value
\$ 243,383.31 for which I will thank you
to remit double eagles in payment.

Very Respectfully

Daniel Strong & Co
Trans^r U. S. Mint

Wm J. Cisco
Treasurer

From

Geo. J. Ciss, Esq.

Rec'd by New York
Nov 57

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 159 Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

5 Box containing 11943.95 ozs Gold Bullion,

" " " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to \$243,383.31

Two Hundred forty three thousand, three
Hundred eighty three ³¹

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Nov 17 1857

Adams Express Co John Holey

No. 159.

Forty nine Bars of Fine Gold
transmitted to the U.S. Mint for Coinage, in pursuance
of the Act of March 1855, by John F. Caise, Treasurer
of the U.S. Assay Office, New York.

1857.
November 17. Five Boxes #74@78, containing

Nos.	Bars	weighing	ounces, dec.
4163@4182,	20 bars	4698.77	@ 991 F.
4216@4225,	10 "	2451.50	@ 990 1/2 F.
4248@4266,	19 "	4793.68	@ 990 1/2 F.

49

11943.95

13147.591 Stand. ounces = \$244,606.34
Deduct for Coinage 1.223.03

Net Value, \$243,383.31

No. 159

Rec'd November 18th 57

Gold \$243,383,31

Saint Louis Mo
Nov 17th 1857

To the hon superintendent
of the U.S. mint at Phila

Dear Sir

I trust that the exigencies of
the times will be my apology for addressing you
the following inquiries and that you may be
pleased to afford me the information I seek

I desire to be informed as nearly
as may be without troubling you too far. the
amount of U.S. Coin which has issued from the
U.S. mint and branches. (up to as late a date
as may be convenient for you to inform me) and is
now in Circulation, or in the U.S. Treasury

Also the amount of foreign coin now
in the U.S. (if you have the data) and the amount
of our own coin now in foreign countries

The two last inquiries I am aware
are not properly within the sphere of your
recourse. But I make them with the hope that you
are possessed of the information I seek, or will
kindly inform me of whom it may be obtained

Your reply will be properly appreciated
by your humble fellow Citizen.
Jm M. Harlow,

From

W. L. Gordon

St Louis

Mo

Requesting Statistics
✓

Nov 21, 1837-

No. 158.

Memorandum of Silver Bullion transmitted to the U. S. MINT for Coinage, pursuant to Act of March, 1855, by JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer of the U. S. Assay Office, New York.

November 14th 1857.

Eighteen BOXES, Nos. 700 @ 717. 194 BARS.

Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Fineness.	Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Fineness.	Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Fineness.
Mex. Dolls.	1800	11	1992 26	901½	Old U.S. Cs.	1810	4	714 64	896½	5 Francs	1820	11	1997 37	900
"	1	10	1998 20	901	Bar	1	1	100 09	804	"	1	11	1991 35	900
"	2	10	1998 12	901½	Span Coins	2	1	93 46	895½	"	2	10	1997 74	900
"	3	12	2233 28	902	M.C. Cs.	3	4	700 45	898½	"	3	10	1994 00	900
M.C. Coins	4	4	844 12	881	Plated Bar.	4	1	152 55	861½	"	4	11	1989 48	899½
"	5	2	367 39	890½	Jewels Bar.	5	2	363 15	880½	"	5	10	2010 62	899½
Mex. Dolls.	6	9	1733 41	900½	5 Francs	6	10	1995 60	899½	Span Coins	6	1	156 00	900½
5 Francs	7	5	955 49	900	"	7	10	1992 37	899½	Jewels Bar	7	2	294 31	872½
"	8	5	959 90	900	"	8	11	1992 32	900	M.C. Cs.	8	1	127 94	899
"	9	4	635 10	900	"	9	10	2000 47	900	"	9	1	114 85	891
72 1371727					54 1010510					68 1267366				
										54 1010510				
										72 1371727				

Silver No 108
N.Y.A.O.

Recd November 6/5

Net \$42.195.14

194 36496 03

~~34445.01~~ Ounces Standard @ \$1.22 1/2 \$ ~~42,195.14~~
36445.01 = 44,645.14

34445.01
6'889'002
861121-
42,195.14
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To
Hon W Muel
Comptroller
Washington

In reply to letter
of 14. in St. Vesp
Drafts on Belgium

Am. 16. 1857 -

Nov. 16th

7.

Dear Sir, I have received your letter of the 14th inst. I find it difficult here, to obtain the necessary information, especially as regards Belgium, whether drafts are, when paid in specie, demandable in gold or silver, or whether either, or both parties, have any options on that point.

I must therefore claim your indulgence for a day or two. I hope to be able to reply satisfactorily on Wednesday next.

As soon as I am prepared I will write to you without delay.

I am, very Respectfully,
Yours Obd. Servant,

Samuel R. Anderson,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. W. Medill

Camp Porter

Treasury Department,

Washington City.

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Murphy N. C. Nov 16th 1857

To President of the Mint
At Philadelphia
Penn

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will find
Some specimens of ore found in our country
& on my land it is supposed to be rich with
Silver the larger rocks is full of Gold visible to the
eye if it is rich enough in silver & gold the
Mint at Philadelphia or at St. Louis might take it
hand & smelt the ore I do not know if you ever
have any ore assayed I am two miles of the
property that the vein runs through & it has been
opened at 3 different places the vein is about two
feet wide I would be pleased to have your opinion
there is so much opinion in reference to its qualities
of the ore I will send you soon of the ore at
any time any information upon the subject will
be thankfully read

I am yours with respect,

The above ore is Galena or Sulfur
of Lead. Yields 40 oz of silver to
the ton of ore

D. G. Ramsaur

Wm L.

L. J. Ramsden

Murphy
N.C.

Specimen.

Dec 5. 1837.

E. M. W.

Treasury Department.
Comptroller's Office.
Nov. 16 1837.

Daniel Strongson, Esq.
Treasurer Mint U.S.
Philadelphia, Pa.
Sir:

Herewith enclosed
please find certain bills included in your
Cent Coinage account, as following described:-
Warrant No. 144. Two Bills of Sharpe, Leisenring & Co.
for Coal; Amounting in the aggregate to \$135.57.
Signed by G. B. Newton, Attorney, - Warrant No.
144. - Bill of same firm, received by same
individual, \$163.88; - Warrant No. 143 3/4. "Petty Expenses";
Bill of W. P. Middow, for Stationery, signed by John
Hunt for \$2.50; Bill of James Wilcox, for Lifting
Machine, \$7.00, signed by James Kilner; Bill
of John White, for Knives, signed by Louis R.
Sittler, \$1.00; And Bill of James Spear, for
Water Cooler, signed by "England", \$3.25. -

We please to have the signatures on
these bills authorized by the persons to whom

the money was due; and return them
at the earliest practicable moment. -

Respectfully,

Yours,

W. M. Merrill

Comptroller.

Ferry

W. Medell, Compt

Washington

Recd 7
17 Nov '57

Treasury Department,
Comptroller's Office,
Nov^r. 16/57.

Daniel Sturgeon, Esq^d
Treasurer Mint U.S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

At your Bureau
ofc for the 2^d. Quarter of this year, I find, among
other bills of expence attending the distribution of
Silver Coins, the following-named, Credit for which is with-
held until the signatures thereon are authorized by
the Company and persons to whom the money was
due, to wit:-

For John Adams Express Co: one for \$1072.¹²; the
other, \$738.²⁵ ^{both signed by J. A. Peck,} and Bill of Crowell & Collins, for freight,
signed by Albert H. Reeve, \$9.⁰⁰.

Respected to give this your immediate attention.
I am, Respectfully,

Yours,
Wm. M. Will
Comptroller.

From

W. Medill, Compt
Washington

Recd

17 Nov '57

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Colonization Room

Philad^a Nov: 16. 1857

Hon J. R. Snowden

N. S. Mint, Philad^a.

Dear Sir

I have the honor to herein send you for the "Mint" collection of coins, the cent and two cent pieces of the Republic of Liberia, Western Africa.

The metallic currency of the young Commonwealth, which does not perhaps exceed \$2500., consists entire in the denominations enclosed. The coin was struck in England in 1851 or, perhaps, in 1852. The figures "1847" commemorates the year of their declaration of Independence - which they have since honorably maintained.

With great respect and esteem,

I am,

Your Obt^d Servant,

Wm^m Coppinger

From To

Wm Coppinger Esq
Colonization Rooms
Phila.

Specimens of of the
cent + 2 cent pieces
of the Republic of
Liberia for the mint
cabinet.

Nov 18, 1887-

Nov 18th.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 16th inst enclosing two Copper Coins of the Republic of Liberia, namely a half cent, and a cent piece. It will give me pleasure to cause these coins to be placed in the Mint Cabinet.

The explanation given prior of the date on the coins was quite necessary, without it I would have supposed that they were coined in 1847. I may venture to say that it is, for obvious reasons, important that the date of the coinage thereon appear upon the pieces.

I am, with great regard,
your friend and old servant,

James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

William Coffinger Esq,
Co. Colonization Agent,
No 103 Market St. at 6th

Dear Sir

On my return from New York
on Saturday night I found
your note of 92 " Ins. - with Copy
of letter to Lord Montague &c, for
which I am very much obliged,
I will forward these papers
to my Brother by the first
opportunity, who will be gratified
to receive the information so
kindly and promptly given -

Yours very truly
Jas. A. Brown

1130 Chestnut St
16 Novem 57

James Ross Snowden Esq
US Mint

From John A Brown Esq
Phie.

Returns thanks
for copy of my
communication
to Lord Montagu

Nov. 16. 1857—

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

November 14 1857

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th inst., also by the Adams Express Company of \$59,832.52 in Silver coins for balance due on invoice N^o 152 and \$10.12 on 4c of invoice N^o 154.

Herewith you have receipt and invoice N^o 158. of Eighteen boxes Silver bullion, weighing 36 496.03 oz gross. Net value \$42,195.14 which amount I will thank you to remit in Quarter dollars.

Very Respectfully

Daniel Strong Esq
Treas^r U. S. Mint

Wm J. Waco
Treasurer

No. 158

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Box containing		Gold Bullion,
18 " " "	36496.03	off Silver "

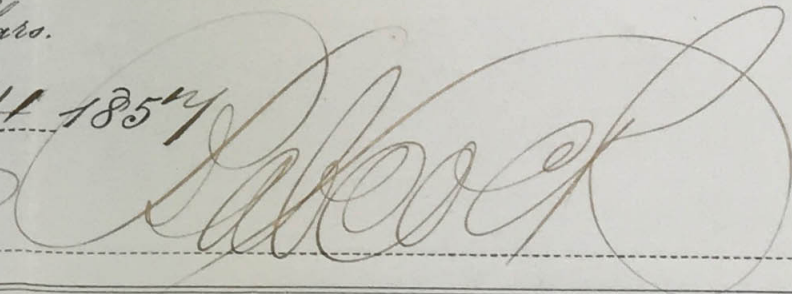
Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to \$ 42195.14
 Forty Two Thousand, one hundred &
 ninety five ¹⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
 of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
 Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Nov 14 1854

Adams Exp Co



From

Mr. A. Cisco, Treasr

New York

Recd

16 Nov '57

U. S. Assay Office,
New York, Nov. 14. 1857.

Dear Patterson,

I thank you
for calling my attention, in your
note of yesterday's date, to a
discrepancy in invoice No. 154.

On referring to my Rough
blotter, in which my calculations
are recorded, I find that I
made the standard weight 29,363.85
the same as stated by McDouglass,
but unfortunately in transferring
the weight to another page to be
converted into its value, I set
down the amount as 29,366.85
and hence arose the error.

The correction has been made
on our book, & the net value of
the invoice is consequently

reduced to \$35,976.15.

I fear that if I had been called upon to employ arms in the recent threatened invasion, I should have misfigured a figure, which could not be so easily corrected as in the present case.

as ever,

Sincerely Yours
Ces. W. Coleman

P.S. I wish you much joy on the recent addition to your family.

Mr. Dunning has just requested me to state that the bag of money you sent for Dr. Farnum's use has arrived.

846
 169
 1
 1026
~~77~~

8261
 1652
 206
 10,12

From

G. W. Edelman

N. York

Recd

Nov 15/57

No. 157

Memorandum of *Silver* Bullion transmitted to the U. S. MINT for
Coinage, pursuant to Act of March, 1855, by JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer of the U. S.
Assay Office, New York.

November 13th, 1857.

Seven BOXES, Nos 693@699.

76 BARS.

Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Fineness.
<i>Mis^d C</i>	1788	3	45963	897
<i>Pig</i>	9	6	107890	971½
"	1790	6	108275	974½
"	1	11	219403	984½
"	2	11	220097	984½
<i>Mis^d Cr Plate</i>	3	2	32770	854½
<i>Mis^d C</i>	4	2	38805	888½
"	5	1	11997	896
<i>5 fr.</i>	6	11	199440	899½
"	7	10	199608	899½
"	8	12	238363	899½
<i>Silver Bar</i>	9	1	15219	879
	76		1437830	

14 935.60 ounces Standard @ \$1.22 1/2 \$18,296.11

Deduct for toughening #1789@1792,

21.86

Net Value, \$18,274.25

No. 157
Recd from A. A. A. A. A.
November 14th 1887
Dated \$18,274.25

To
The Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

Enclosing Loan & Bullion
Fund Statement.

Nov. 14. 1837.

Mint of the United States
Phil^a Nov. 14. 1857,

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Nov. 14. 7.

Sir,

I enclose herewith a statement exhibiting the Amount and denomination of coins in the Treasury of the Mint and also, the condition of the Bullion Fund, at the close of to-day's business.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon Howell Cobb,

Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Do you consider the bank absolutely solvent both in having collectible assets sufficient to pay depositors and other creditors and in its ability to meet maturing and the usual demands in the ordinary course?

If the bank is in weakened or extended condition, did you ascertain as to the possible sources of aid from shareholding interests or other connections and confer with directors about obtaining such aid?

Was a meeting had with the board of directors and all matters subject to criticism considered with them? Give names of directors and officers with whom you discussed conditions.

Did you leave a letter as instructed for the directors to sign?

What powers, if any, has the bank been authorized to exercise under Section 11k of the Federal Reserve Act? If any exercised, submit report on Form 1425-D-E-F.

GENERAL REMARKS.

(Include here criticisms and reasons therefor which the examiner does not deem advisable to state in the report proper.)

Examiner.

Chief Examiner.

To the COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY,

Washington, D. C.

NOTE 1.—The examiner should discuss all unsatisfactory conditions with the directors, if possible, and minor matters with officers, and endeavor to have them corrected while he is in the bank, or obtain definite promises which, if sufficiently important, should be set out in a letter addressed to this office by the directors.

NOTE 2.—Copies of all important letters written by this office to the bank will be forwarded to the examiner, who should see that the originals and the bank's reply are noted on the minutes, where all directors will have the opportunity of being cognizant of them.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office.
November 14th 1857.

Hon. James Ross Snowden.

Director of the U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.
Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 12th
inst, enclosing table showing the value of certain Foreign
Coins, as compared with the gold Dollar of the U. States,
has been received.

Before submitting this table to the Secretary
of the Treasury for his sanction and adoption, I
desire to call your attention to one matter contained
therein, that may cause us some embarrassment.

In your first table the franc is put down
at 98 cents. Of course I understood it to mean the
five franc piece, which would make the franc 19
cents and 6 mills. No difficulty could arise from
this. In the present table you give two different
values, - the silver franc at 19 cents and 6 Mills,
and the gold franc at 19 cents and 2 Mills.

Hence

Hence the embarrassment. When our representatives and other agents in France receive the proceeds of their Drafts in francs, how is the Department to know at what value to estimate them in the settlement of their accounts? They will be likely to adopt the one or the other value, as the same may be found most favorable to their interest, and the difference will be considerable in the salaries and expenditures of the year.

I believe the franc is the unit or standard of value in which accounts are kept in France, the same as L. Sterling is in England, and the Dollar in the United States. But the L. Sterling has but one value, as is now the case with the dollar. Which value is adopted by the French in their charges and credits in bank or at the Counter ^{of the Merchant?} - Which, in reducing foreign coins into their own currency - that of the silver or gold franc? If this could be ascertained, all difficulty, it seems to me, would be removed. So long as there are two values inserted in the table in relation to any coin so universally used as the franc, we will have gained but little by determining the

the value of our own unit. All necessary information could be obtained, I presume, from those Houses which are in Communication with France.

The Difference is still greater in Belgium, where you fix the one at 18 cents and 9 mills, and the other at 19 cents and six mills.

In Chili, there will no Doubt be some difficulty, also, from the difference in value between the old and new dollar. The same in Peru. Which is adopted, so far as you know, in the banking and Mercantile transactions of those Countries?

While our dollar was confined entirely to silver, we estimated all other coins by the silver standard; but since the same has been made of gold, the latter standard has been adopted. I believe there has never yet been any gold francs.

You have left out the Spanish dollar; is it obsolete, or was the omission occasioned by my own neglect? It is given in your former table, and if desired I can

transfer it to the present one.

You will greatly oblige me by furnishing me your views on the difficulties referred to, and by enabling me, if possible, to arrive at one universal standard in each Country. An early reply is respectfully requested.

I am, Sir, Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt.

W. M. Dill
Comptroller.

From To

Hon. W. Medill

Comptroller

Treasury Dept.

In relation to value
of certain foreign
Coins as compared
with the gold dollar
of the U. S. States &
to be

Nov 19. 1857-

Nov. 9th

7.

Dear Sir,

Referring to our recent correspondence, and especially to your paper of the 18th inst., I have to state that the double valuation shown on the statement - which I presented in the letter of October 20th - was given because I was somewhat uncertain as to which kind of coin, gold or silver, was usually in legal currency in payment. I have now settled both, in giving a choice as to the value of your previous transactions. After inquiry of various persons well acquainted with monetary matters in France I find that gold is the currency there for considerable payments, and that silver is at a premium. The silver valuation therefore keeping, I have corrected, as I think out in that part of the table.

It is very true that I had no idea of the impression that there was such a coin as a one franc piece of gold in use. The term "gold franc" accounts being stated in francs, it seemed most convenient to set down the normal name

2. the latter; and taking the most usual
gold coin, namely, the 20 franc piece,
divide the "gold piece" by dividing this
by 20. The silver piece is similarly divided
from the 5 franc piece, although there are
at 2 times, pieces of one franc in value, which
may be some change of denomination
the piece of 2 francs, but the latter is
conveniently by substituting "20 francs" and
taking 2.10 against it. and, for the
lower, extra values, looking into the
silver coinage.

The necessity of inquiring as to the
value of the coin in light of the illustration
by your example: the pound sterling has
but one value! But a gold pound
is now worth about 7 shillings, whilst a
silver pound, or an aggregation of
half crowns or florins, which an
Englishman would equally take for a
pound, is now worth only about 4.65.

In regard to the double valuation
for Chile and Peru, I cannot doubt
that the new, or more recent dollar,
is the true basis in each case; the

silver one (which is the recent call ad)
was put in that you might be aware of
the distinction in case of any dispute or
controversy. Indeed there is no knowing
what connection may be required, in time
to come with another year or two.

The "Spanish Dollar" properly so
called, has not been coined for many years,
and not being retained by such issues,
the supply of the old pieces has rapidly
diminished their intrinsic value, while
an occasional commercial demand
inflates them much beyond their dollar
that contain more silver. They yield
here about 100 cents. The formula
price of 20 real vellon which would now
be called the Spanish Dollar, though it
must not be taken as such in the East.
Quite 100.0 cent. I am not aware that
accounts and anywhere new dollars in
Spanish dollars. In Spain they are kept
in the real vellon, which is also a coin.

One difficulty remains to be noticed
and that is, as to the franc of Belgium.
The coinage of France and Belgium
were formerly on the same legal basis,

and the Silver Coin are still interchangeable.
 But in 1845 a new issue of 25 franc
 piece of gold, in Belgium, worth 100 s.
 brought the gold piece down to 100 s.
 and we are not aware that it has been
 checked since. However the Coinage of
 Belgium is of small amount, and of the
 low value; the French Coin circulates in
 Belgium as the chief currency, it would
 seem more equitable for our purpose
 to disregard the magnifying of Belgian
 Coin, and make the value payable
 at the rate of 19 s. 2 c. to the franc, as in
 Paris. I find it impracticable to get
 any precise information as to the value
 of their payments in Naples.

To sum up the series herein presented I
 recommend that the table be connected as
 follows:

	S. C. M.
France: 20 francs gold	3.84
on one franc	19.2
Belgium: same as France. Franc	19.2
Chili: dollar, new.	98.2
Peru: dollar, new.	95.0
Spain: new Peninsula dollar	
on peso of 20 reals	101.5

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Yours Obedt servant,

James R. Chandler,
Director of the Mint,

Gen. Wm. Mitchell

Camp Miller

Warren Department

Washington City

Newark, N. J. 17th. Nov. 1857
No. 42 State st.

My Dear Sir,

I am happy to be
able to speak with mathematical
certainty respecting Belgium.
Gold ~~is~~ was demonetized in
Belgium some years since, as I
recollect advising you at the time.
Consequently nothing but Silver
is a legal tender in Belgium.
I am strongly impressed with the
belief that, legally, the same
is true of France, but am not
equally certain, as the Bank of
France refuses to pay any thing
but gold for its notes and Silver
commands a premium.
Moreover the Government would

not in gold so largely, if it
were not a legal tender.

Yours truly, in
great haste.

Wm. W. Garrison.

Wm. E. Davis, Esq.

U.S. M. Philad^a.

The Paris Mint coined last
year five hundred millions
of Francs!

I hope the Nickel money has
been sent to Mr. Sumner.

J. W. G.

~~198.5~~

26.812

1543

80436

107248

134060

26812

413.708

to 1837, 0.5. 416 st. 892.4
since '37 n.s. 412 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 900.

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Uthus met 4 18 Nov 1867

Dear Sir,

We must apologise for
sending a verbal reply to your
note of the 1st being very much
engaged at the time we did
not wish to detain ^{your messenger} ~~him~~ until
we could write. We believe now
in France the option of payment in
gold or silver is with the payer
but not being certain we have
written to day to our friends in
New York & hope to get their reply
on Friday which we shall have

Means in communicating to you
in manner means

Yours truly

Robert Muever

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint

Treasury Department,
Comptroller's Office.
Nov. 14 1857.

Samuel Sturgeon, Esq.
Treasurer Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith
I transmit two Mint Receipts and accompany-
ing warrants, numbered respectively 543 and 586;
the first for a deposit of silver bullion by
L. S. Prechemin, worth \$137.⁴², the other, a like
deposit by Saml Sturgeon, Treasr. worth \$7,449.⁴⁹,
and filed with your Bullion A/c of the 2.^d
Quarter of this year. — You will perceive
they bear no evidence of the depositors' hav-
ing received the value of their deposits, which
should be made to appear. —

As your a/c are now in process of
revision in this Office, you will be pleased to give
the above your earliest attention.

Respectfully, W. M. Rice
Comptroller.

From

W. Medill, Compt

Washington

Rec'd 2
16 Nov '57 3

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

November 13. 1857

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. also by the Adams Express Company of \$50,000. in Silver Coins on ac of invoice N^o 152.

Herewith you have statement & receipt for seven boxes Silver bullion, weighing 14,378.30 oz. Net value \$18,274.25 which amount I will thank you to remit in Quarter dollars.

Very Respectfully

David Sargent Esq
Treas^r U. S. Mint

Wm. J. C. W. Co
Treasurer

No. 154

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Box containing..... Gold Bullion,

7 " " 114 398.30 Oz Silver "

Parcel ".....

Amounting in Net value to \$ 18 274.25

Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred &
Seventy four ²⁵which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Nov 13 1854

Adams Express Co. [Signature]

Tring

J. J. Cisco, Tring

New York

Rec'd

14 Nov '57

No. 156.

Memorandum of *Silver* Bullion transmitted to the U. S. MINT for Coinage, pursuant to Act of March, 1855, by JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer of the U. S. Assay Office, New York.

November 11th 1857.

23 BOXES, Nos 670 @ 692.

230 BARS.

[illegible]

45,434.81 Ounces Standard @ \$1.22½ \$55,657.64

Deduct for tonguing #1753 } 4.22
1768 }

Net Value, \$ 55,653.42

No. 156

Rec^d Novemb^r 13th

Salvage 5, 6, 53, 42

U. S. Mint } For
Treasury dept } Silver

1857

Aug 12 4 gro 2 in Screens

Nov 13 6 gro Screens assorted

To J. T. Simard

Order No 17

" No 187

Per

3 52

3 72

\$ 7 24

Robert
Groh & Co
Pbk

Recd Pay

J. T. Simard

10,150 $\frac{1}{4}$
 300 3c
 50

 10,500

Treasury Department
 Nov. 13. 1857

Sir

I enclose a transfer draft
 on the Treasurer of the Mint in favor of
 the Depository at Baltimore and made
 payable to the order of Adams Express Co. for
 \$15.00 which I will thank you to cause
 to be transferred as nearly as may be in
 coins of the following denominations viz:

\$10.000 in Quarter dollars
 500 " Half dollars
 450 " 3 Cent pieces -
 50 " in New Cent Coin

 \$15.500.

I am very Resp.
 Howell Cobb

Sec of the Treasury.

J. R. Snowden Esq
 Director of the Mint
 Phila^a.

James Ross Snowden
Director W S Mint
Phil. Pa.

Norwalk, Ct.
Nov 13/57

Dear Sir

You will
please send us the one hundred
dollars in in Times & Quarters
as you said in your last letter you
could send it in that way at
time you said you should
charge us at that time & put
do as much better at this time
as you can and send it to
us by either Express and by
so doing you will greatly
oblige Yours truly

Waggoner & Kellogg

Dep't Sept 5-

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

November 12. 1857

Sir

I herewith enclose invoice N^o 156 of silver Bullion in twenty three boxes, forwarded yesterday by The Adams Express Company (per advice and receipt) weighing gross 45 120.38 ounces, net value \$55,653.42 for which I will thank you to remit \$20000. in half dollars, and the remainder \$35,653.42 in Quarters.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of \$56,288.59 in gold and silver coins, in payment for invoice N^o 151.

Very Respectfully

Daniel Strong Esq.
Treas^r U. S. Mint.

Wm. J. Cisco
Treasurer

From
A. J. Cisco, Tracy
New York

Rec'd

13 Nov '57

To Hon H. Merrill
Comptroller
Treasury Dept.
Washington

Enclosing Table of
Foreign Coins with
their equivalent $\$$ in
U.S. currency

Nov 12, 1857—

Nov. 12th

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Dear Sir,

I concur with you in the opinion that the mode adopted in the preparation of the first table I sent you is the proper one to reach the objects of the department.

The statements herewith enclosed have been prepared in accordance with your views and I hope will prove satisfactory. A few obsolete items ~~in your list~~ are left out.

I am, with great respect,

Yours obt. servant,

Samuel R. Knower,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. W. Medill

Comptroller.

Treasury Department,

Washington City.

CIRCULAR.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

Washington, April 1, 1859.

Sir:

Some few inaccuracies having been alleged to exist in the table furnished by the Director of the Mint, and contained in the circular from this office of October 1, 1858, in relation to the value of foreign coins as compared with the gold coinage of the United States, and the Department being exceedingly desirous that the same should be strictly correct in every particular, the attention of that officer has been called to the subject.

But before any general or permanent revision of the said table be made, it is deemed advisable to procure from our Ministers and other Representatives abroad, such information in relation to the various matters in question as it may be in their power to afford.

I have therefore prepared the following interrogatories, which have been so framed as to elicit, it is believed, the required information, and respectfully request that you will answer the same at your earliest possible convenience, accompanying such answers with any additional remarks that you may think proper to make.

1. Of what does the usual currency or circulating medium of the country to which you are accredited consist?

2. What is the unit of value, and how is it divided? In the United States, for example, the dollar is the unit of value, and is divided into 100 cents.

3. What is the present and usual rate of exchange between said country and the United States, the money or standard of value drawn for, and received, being the same?

4. Are drafts from or on the United States usually paid in gold or silver; and in what particular denomination of money?

5. What is the value put upon the gold coins of the United States of full, unworn weight, at the national mint, or by dealers in bullion, expressed in the money terms of said country? And if our gold coin is too little known to give an answer, please state the same facts in regard to the English sovereign, or the 20-franc piece of France.

6. What is the lawful weight and fineness of the principal gold and silver coins of said country; and what is the remedy or tolerance at the mint for deviation in weight and fineness of the respective coins, as allowed by law, or used in the transaction of business?

7. Are both gold and silver coins legal tenders in the payment of debts, at their nominal values, for all sums?

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Comptroller.

Statement showing the value of certain foreign coins as compared with the gold dollar of the United States.

			Value D. C. M.
England	Pound Sterling	Gold 4.84.8	4.86.3
France	Franc	Silver	98
Spain	Doubloon	Gold	4.96.3
"	Spanish Dollar	Silver	1.01.5
Prussia	Thaler	Silver	72
Russia	Rouble *	Silver	79.4
"	Copeck	Silver ^{7 2/100}	7 1/10
Sweden	Daler	Silver	1.11.4
Buenos Ayres	Doubloon	Gold	15.50
Denmark	Specie daler ² Daler †	Silver	1.10.7
"	Rigsbank daler	Silver	55.3
"	Skilling	Silver	1.1 2/10
Sardinia	Francs	Silver	98
Austria	Rix Dollar	Silver	1.02.5
"	Florin	Silver	51.25
Portugal	Milreis Reis ‡	Silver	1.18
Brazil	Milreis ‡	Silver	1.02.5
"	Reis	Silver	
Rome	Scudo	Silver	1.06
Naples	Quinto	Gold	83
"	Carlin	Silver	7.6
"	Scudo	"	1.02.5

* The rouble is divided into 100 copecks.

† The specie daler, and the rigsbank daler, are each divided into 96 skillings.

‡ Milreis, divided into 1000 reis.

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Table of Foreign Coins, with their equivalents
in U. S. Currency, Gold valuation. Nov. 1857.

	D. C. M.		D. C. M.
Austria: Specie dollar	\$ 1.02.5	Lombardy: Lira	\$.17.1
Florin	\$.51.2	Mexico: Dollar	\$ 1.06.2
Brazil: Milreis, silv.	1.02.5	Naples: Scudo	\$ 1.00.5
Belgium: Franc, gold	.18.9	Carlin	\$.07.6
Do. silv.	.19.6	Oncia (ounce)	2.48.0
Bremen: Rix dollar, ^{money of} acct.	.75.0	Ducat, ^{money of} acct.	.83.0
Buenos Ayres: Doubloon	15.50.0	Netherlands: Guilder, silv.	.41.4
Central America: Dollars	\$ 1.00.0	Norway: Specie daler	\$ 1.10.7
Chili: Dollar, old	\$ 1.06.0	Peru: Dollar, old	\$ 1.06.0
do. new	\$.98.2	do. new	\$.95.0
China: Tael, ^{money of} acct.	1.48.0	Portugal: Milreis	\$ 1.18.0
Denmark: Specie daler	\$ 1.10.7	Prussia: Thaler	\$.72.0
Rigsbank daler	\$.55.3	Rome: Scudo	\$ 1.06.0
England: Pound sterling	4.84.8	Russia: Rouble, silv.	.79.4
France: Franc, gold	.19.2	Sardinia: Franc, ^{or lira} silv.	.19.6
do. silver	.19.6	Spain: New doubloon	4.96.3
Germany, north: Thaler	\$.72.0	Real vellon, silv.	.05.0
south: Florin	\$.41.7	Sweden: Specie daler	\$ 1.11.4
Hamburg: Marc banco, ^{money of} acct.	.37.0	Turkey: Piastre, gold or silver	.04.4
India: Rupee, silv.	.46.6	Tuscany: Florin Silver	.27.7
Star pagoda, gold	1.81.0		

^{Copy}
N.B. Three of the above being
moneys of account only, are
~~has~~ estimated by their legal
relation to certain coins.

Mint of the United States, Phila. Nov. 12, 1857.
(Signed) James Ross Snowden, Director

*Table of Foreign Coins, with their equivalents in U.S. Currency.
Silver Standard. See letter of Nov. 5th 1857 to J. Ross Snowden, esq.*

<i>Foreign Coins</i>	<i>U. S. Currency</i>	<i>Foreign Coins</i>	<i>U. S. Currency</i>
<i>Dollar of Mexico</i> 1.06.2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 00	<i>Livre tournoise of France</i> $\frac{1}{3}$	0 18.5
" of Peru 1.06 .95	1 00	<i>Florin of Lieghorn</i> 27.7	0 16
" of Chile 1.06 98.2	1 00	<i>Milreis of Portugal</i> 1.18	1 12
" of Central Mexico ^{Amer.} 1.00	1 00	" of Azores 2	0 83 $\frac{1}{2}$
" specie of Denmark 1.10.7	1 05	<i>Marc banco of Hamburg</i> ³⁷ _{account}	0 35
" rix, or thaler, of Prussia, and the northern states of Germany 72	0 69	<i>Ounce of Sicily</i> 2.48	2 40
<i>Dollar, rix, of Bremen</i> 75	0 78 $\frac{3}{4}$	<i>£ Sterling of Great Britain</i> 4.848	4 84
" specie of Sweden & Norway ^{1.11.4} _{1.10.7}	1 06	<i>£ Sterling of British Provinces</i>	4 00
<i>Ducat of Naples (account)</i>	0 80	<i>Pagado of India</i> 1.81	1 84
<i>Franc, of France & Belgium</i> ^{19.2} _{19.6} ^{18.9}	0 18.6	<i>Real Villon of Spain</i> 05 $\frac{3}{4}$ 08	0 05
<i>Florin of Netherlands</i> 41.4 _{or guilder}	0 40	<i>Real Plate of Spain</i>	0 10
" of Austria 51.2	0 48 $\frac{1}{2}$	<i>Ruble, silver of Russia</i> 79.4	0 75
" of southern States of Germany ^{41.7}	0 40	<i>Rupree, Company</i>	44.5
<i>Guilder of Netherlands</i>	0 40	<i>Rupree, of British India</i>	44.5
<i>Lira, of the Lombardo-Venetian Kingdom</i> 17.1	0 16	<i>Tael, of China</i> 1.48	1 48
<i>Lira of Tuscany</i>	0 16		
" of Sardinia L. 19.6	0 18.6		

To
The Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Stating that my letter
of the 7th inst. appears
to have been misapprehended
by the Department. - also,
my desire to introduce
a new sentence in my
Annual report &c

Nov. 12. 1857-

November 12. 3.

Sir,

The object of my letter of the 7th inst appears to have been misapprehended by the department. With a view to a modification of my annual report I requested that it be returned to me if convenient. In your response on the 9th inst you send me a copy of the statement of the value of foreign coins which I had prepared for the Comptroller. I had returned a copy of that table and am now preparing one, at the request of that officer, embracing several additional denominations of coins, and of money of account.

I now wish to introduce into my annual report (made on the 12th of October) a single sentence; not having a proper copy, I cannot state the page, but it is in the 3rd paragraph of that part of the report which relates to the value of foreign coins. I propose to insert, after these words "The calculations of the value of large quantities by these forms of expressions are greatly facilitated" - the following new sentence -

The gold values are the equivalent of the gold Coinage of the United States according to our legal standard; from which, if the return is desired in stamped bars, there is to be deducted six cents per hundred dollars; if in our gold coin, one half of one per cent, or fifty cents per hundred dollars.

This sentence is to be inserted after the word "facilitated," and immediately preceding the sentence, "The silver values are based," &c., &c.

I have to request that you cause this amendment to be made, or if ~~not~~ you direct the manuscript to be returned to me I will so amend it. —

I think it important that the above sentence should be inserted in order that no misapprehension may arise as ^{to the net} value of foreign gold coins when made into bars or coins at the minting establishments of the United States.

The charge of six cents per \$100 is what is called the bar charge and the proceeds of it are applicable to the ordinary expenses of the assay office and the mints; the half

Per Cent Coinage Charge is payable into
the Treasury of the United States.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Yours faithfull servant,

Samuel Ross Anderson,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Do you consider the bank absolutely solvent both in having collectible assets sufficient to pay depositors and other creditors and in its ability to meet maturing and the usual demands in the ordinary course?

If the bank is in weakened or extended condition, did you ascertain as to the possible sources of aid from shareholding interests or other connections and confer with directors about obtaining such aid?

Was a meeting had with the board of directors and all matters subject to criticism considered with them? Give names of directors and officers with whom you discussed conditions.

Did you leave a letter as instructed for the directors to sign?

What powers, if any, has the bank been authorized to exercise under Section 11k of the Federal Reserve Act? If any exercised, submit report on Form 1425-D-E-F.

GENERAL REMARKS.

(Include here criticisms and reasons therefor which the examiner does not deem advisable to state in the report proper.)

Examiner.

Chief Examiner.

To the COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY,

Washington, D. C.

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United States Assay Office
New-York, Nov. 12, 1857.

Sir,

In compliance with your request of the 10th inst., I transmit enclosed a tabular statement of the gold and silver wastage at this Office, from the commencement of its operations to Dec. 31, 1856, showing an average wastage of gold of $\frac{600}{1000}$ of 1th of silver " $\frac{576}{1000}$ " 1 ".

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,

Saml. F. Butterworth

Supt.

Wm. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

P.S. If you prepare a statement of wastage of the several Mint establishments, I should be pleased to have you send me a copy of it.

S. F. B.

From Saml. F. Puttenth
Supt U.S. Assay Office
N.Y.

Enclosing Postage
Statement

Nov 13. 1837-

A. S. Assay Office, New York, Nov 11th 57

Treasurer's Department.

Sir,

I enclose herewith Adams
Express Co Receipts for 23, Twenty three
Boxes Silver Russian, Particulars
tomorrow

Very respectfully

J. H. J. Esq
Treasurer

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 157

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

25 Box containing Gold Bullion,
" " 45.120.38 oz Silver "
Parcel " _____

Amounting in Net value to \$ 55,653.42
Fifty Five thousand Six Hundred and
Fifty three 42/100 Dollars —
which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mints at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Nov 11th 1857
Adams Express Co John Hoey

Thurs

J. J. Ciss, Esq

New York

Rec'd

Nov. 12/

Newark, N. J. 11th Nov. 1857

42 State St.

Hon. Daniel Sturgeon,
Treas^r. U. S. M. Philad^a.

Dear Sir,

I have the kind-
ness to forward the ^{amt. of the} enclosed Bill to Geo. F.
Dunning, Esq. U. S. Assay Office, with the request
that the same be placed to my credit.

I have the honor to be
Respectfully, Yours Obed^t. Serv^t.
J. W. Gurnum.

Received Phil^a 13 Nov. 1857, of the Treas^r
and of the Mint, Four hundred
& ninety five ⁴⁹/₁₀₀ which we agree to deliver
to Geo. F. Dunning, U. S. Assay Office
New York
495.49

Adam & Alfred Co
J. W. Gurnum

No. 155.

Memorandum of *Silver* Bullion transmitted to the U. S. MINT for Coinage, pursuant to Act of March, 1855, by JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer of the U. S. Assay Office, New York.

November 10th 1852

24 BOXES, No.

b4b @ b6g.

255 BARS.

[illegible]

47,126.48 Ounces Standard @ $\$1.22\frac{1}{2}$

~~57.729.94~~

Deduct for toughening #1727.

. 24

Net Value, \$ 57,729.70

255 47, 185 61

No 153

Recd Nov 11. 1857

24 Boxes

Net \$57.729.70

To.
J. B. Louth Esq
Melter & Refiner
U. S. Mint

Directing him to
inform A. J. White that
the contract for supplying
Mint with charcoal
is Annulled &c

Nov. 11. 1857.

Nov 11.th

Dear Sir,

As I learn from you
that Mr. A. J. Wick has failed
to supply charcoal in accordance
with his agreement, I have to
inform that you relieve him
that the contract is annulled.

From the present, and until
further arrangements are
made you will please
purchase coal in the open
market of best quality as
will suit our purposes and
at the lowest cost price,

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt,

Samuel Ross McMillen

Samuel C. Booth & Co. Directors of the Mint
Mellin & Refinery
U.S. Mint.

Do you consider the bank absolutely solvent both in having collectible assets sufficient to pay depositors and other creditors and in its ability to meet maturing and the usual demands in the ordinary course?

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Metropolitan Exchange, Banking and Collection Office,

No. 558 Broadway,

BETWEEN ST. NICHOLAS AND METROPOLITAN HOTELS.

New York, Nov 11 1857

Dr Sir

I forwarded to you on the 3d of June last, Fifty dollars in Spanish Silver put up agreeable to the circular issued by you a few days prior to that date, requesting it to be returned in new Cents. I also addressed you a note on the Subject in September making inquiry about it. not having heard from you or received the return, and, thinking the time elapsed so long that perhaps there was a mistake or miscarriage, and as Mr Manning who has an office in the same building received his return several months since - his being sent in the same package with mine, you will I trust pardon this intrusion upon your notice and inform me at your earliest convenience when I can probably get the return and oblige

Yours Obt Serv
Emt Hodges

Forwarded Oct 3. \$50

From To

Em Hodges Esq
New York

New Cents -

Nov 13, 1857

Nov. 13. 7.

Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 11th inst.
I have to state that the Amount of Your deposit
of old Spanish coin was forwarded to Your address
in new cents, on the 31st inst, per Adams Express
Co.

Very Respectfully,
James A. B. Chandler
Director of the Mint.

E. M. Hoag Esq
No 558 Broadway,
N.Y.

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No. 154.

Memorandum of *Silver* Bullion transmitted to the U. S. MINT for Coinage, pursuant to Act of March, 1855, by JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer of the U. S. Assay Office, New York.

November 9th 1857.

15 BOXES, No.

131 @ 145.

159 BARS.

Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Fineness.	Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Fineness.	Description.	Number.	Pieces.	Ounces—dec.	Fineness.	
Mus Del	1668	9	1751 92	903	Mus Del	1677	10	1747 45	903	Mus C. plate	1686	10	1713 58	856½	
"	9	4	811 98	902½	"	8	4	813 90	902	"	7	2	315 19	906	
"	70	10	1756 13	"	"	9	4	860 85	898½	Sp. Coins	8	2	271 57	900	
"	1	9	1755 30	903	✓	80	4	863 04	899	Mus C	9	1	98 50	901½	
"	2	4	813 07	902	"	1	5	851 76	898½	Granular	6. 90	2	342 45	936	
"	3	10	1752 94	903	✓	2	9	1726 35	901	Mus C	1	1	78 13	888½	
"	4	10	1756 90	902	"	3	9	1728 35	"	"	2	3	58 13	880½	
"	5	4	815 15	903	Old Am. C.	4	9	1709 17	899	Ref bar	3	5	918 65	995½	
"	6	9	1757 15	"	✓	5 ft.	5	9	1590 82	900	Mus C.	4	1	119 05	866
			69	12970 54				63	11891 59				27	4444 59	
													63	11891 59	
													69	12970 54	
													159	29,306 72	
													8	26	
													29,298	46	
Gold in 1690 342 45 001½															

Gold in 1690

342 45 001 1/2

29,366.85 Ounces Standard @ \$1.22 1/2 =

\$35,974.39

29,298.59 Gold, ass stand. .571 = \$10.62

Charges.

Packing. \$ 5.14

Silver alloy.

Coinage. .05 = 5.19

5.43

Net Value, \$35,979.82

29,258.59
587 17 18
700 96 5
55,964 27
5430
55,569 7
55,569

Subst 8.26 from No 1688 making
263.52 or total weight 3,29,298.46
value total \$35,969.70

367 26 from 303-
25,966 02

No 154

Rec'd November 10th

U.S.A. N. York

Silver \$35.969.70

United States Mint

You are requested not to pay
anything to John Sanev on ac-
count of the Butchers Melting
Association, as he is not authorized
any longer to collect any of the
debts due the same, or to make
sales for it - Yours
Philippe Novikov John F. Gros, Treas
per J. Bousard

59,842.64

56,288.85

Farm
Butcher's Meet.
Association

Recd
11 Nov '57

A. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

November 10th 1854

Sir

I herewith enclose receipt and
Statement of Twenty four boxes Silver Bullion,
weighing gross 47,085.61 ozs. net value \$57,729.70
in payment for which I will thank you to re-
mit in value \$40000. in quarters 17,729.70

Very Respectfully,

Daniel Sturgis Esq.
Treasurer U. S. Mint.

J. M. J. W. Co
Treasurer

No. 155 Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Box containing Gold Bullion,
24 " " 47085.61 oz Silver "
Parcel " "

Amounting in Net value to \$ 57729.70
Fifty Seven Thousand, Seven hundred
Twenty nine ⁷⁰ Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Nov 10 1857
Adams Exp. Co. *R. B. Babcock*

From

J. J. Cisco, Treasr

New York

Recd

11 Nov '57

Baltimore Nov 10. 1857

Dear Sir

I ordered 80 Silver Medals
and 8 Gold Medals to be struck for the
M^d Institute. Please add 3 More
Silver Medals that number having
been awarded since my last letter.

The matter of mending the die
to which you referred was all
right.

You will greatly oblige the
Memberships of the Institute by
having the work done as early
as possible.

Yours Truly
Joshua Vansant

Col J R Snowden

Director U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Per directions in relation to above
given to Mr Eckford. L

From
Hon. J. Bancroft
Baltimore

Order 3 more
Silver medals
for the Inst

Nov. 12. 1857—

Nov. 10

Dear Sir,

I do not feel authorized to change the nature of the Receipts and Company have heretofore given, or to release the Company from any of the liabilities heretofore assumed.

I will refer the question to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

Samuel R. Mendenhall

L. S. Sandford Esq. Director of the Mint
Vice Pres. Adams Ex. Co.

19 July 1854

13 Nov. 1854

From The Adams Express Co.

Nov. 10/54

Declining hereafter to receive
specie for its safe transmission.

Treasury Department
Nov. 27. 1857.

Sir

As it appears that the arrangement with Adams Express Co. for the transportation of Gold & Silver between N. York and Philadelphia was entered into thro' the Director of the Mint it is deemed proper to submit the enclosed letter from S. B. Baker & Co. for your perusal and to ask for your views on the subject generally. Be pleased to state why it was that the receipts taken from the Co. for the transportation between N. York & Philadelphia differed from those required at other points.

I am very Resp^t
Wm. Lobb
Sec of the Treasury.

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

Of
From
Hon House Robt
Sec Treasury

of
Transportation
of Bullion between
N.Y. and Phil^a.

to
Nov 28. 1887. -

Office of the Adams Express Co
Phil^a Nov^r 10th 1857

Hon James Ross Snowden
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir,

The unfortunate state of affairs in New York, and the tenor of the receipts we have been giving, "insuring against all risks" Compelled us under advice of counsel to serve the notice you received this morning.

We regret to disturb our arrangements with the Treasury Department and its Officers, for making Government transfers. We take it for granted, that the Department is satisfied with the safety and promptness we have evinced.

But the knowledge of the liability we incur and the consciousness of our ability and intention to make good any responsibility we assume, render us careful to avoid extra hazardous operations. You will agree with us, that if the condition of the Country require the assistance of Government troops to protect its treasure within its vaults, we as business men, are not justified in continuing to insure similar

treasure against all risk in the open
streets.

We wish to continue to be of service
to the Department in making its
transfers; and proffer you the use of our
excellent arrangements on any terms, which
will not make us responsible beyond the
wrong doing of ourselves or our Agents.)

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

The Adams Express Co

By
C. S. Sanford
Vice President

Nov. 11th 7.

Sir,

I secured this morning a further communication from the Adams Express Company, relating to the transportation of bullion between Philadelphia and New-York, which I herewith enclose, as it may be useful to you in concluding the subject.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Yours faithfully servant,

Samuel R. Chew
Director of the Mint

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

To
The Sec Treasury

Enclosing communica-
tion from "Adams Express
Co." in relation to the
transportation of Bullion
from between N.Y. &
Phil^a.

Nov. 11. 1857-

Nov. 10th 7

Sir,

Herewith you will please find enclosed a communication I have received from "the Atlantic Express Company." I have replied to it, that I have no authority to change the nature of the receipts developed, nor release the Company from any responsibility for its own affairs, and that I would refer the question to the Department.

According to our former arrangements with the Express Co. we pay it 50 cents per \$1000 for transporting goods from New York to Philadelphia and a like sum for returning it to New York. The Company gives a receipt in which it "agrees to insure against loss." At the time this arrangement was made the Company proposed to carry for $37\frac{1}{2}$ cts per \$1000. without insurance. But it was deemed best to pay the larger sum and have the insurance of the Company. The unhappy state of affairs at New York induces the Company to believe that the risks, especially from violence, are greater now than when

The arrangements were made, & I
learn that some of the officers of the
Company will personally call upon you
in relation to this matter it is unnecessary
for me to write more fully.

As a matter of security to the Treasurer
of the Mint, and the Treasurers of the
Mint Office, I suggest that the form
of the Receipt be presented by the
Department.

Fortunately we have no force
to send to New York having received
all the deposits and therefore the
action of the Company means no
loss in convenience, but it is
desirable that the point should be
given our early attention.

I may add that New Bullion and Coin
are transported between New York and
Phila? for \$1.50 per thousand, includ-
ing insurance from loss.

I enclose the form of the Receipt taken
at New York and at Phila?.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully,
Yours, John R. Thompson.

Hon. Messrs. Coll.
Treasury.

R.D. Although we are so poor to New-
York, it is proper to add that a large
amount of business is done to the office,
and hence our early arrangement
of the subject is desirable,
J.R.D.

Office of the Adams Express Company:
No. 116 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Nov. 10, 1857.

Hon. James Raft Snowden,
Director of the U.S. Mint, Philadelphia:
Sir:

Please take notice that on and after this date, this Company declines to receive and forward any specie on account of Government, assuming any risk except such as may arise from the carelessness or fraud of ourselves or our Agents, and will only receive it upon that express condition, that our liability is so limited.

No Agent of this Company is authorized to sign receipts assuming any other or greater liability.

Yours Obt. Servant.

(Signed) The Adams Express Co.

J. S. Sanford, Vice President.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Nov. 10, 1857.

Dear Sir:

I do not feel authorized to change the nature of the receipted goods Company have heretofore given, or to release the Company from any of the responsibilities heretofore assumed.

I will refer the question to the Secretary of the Treasury:

Very Respectfully

Yours Obt. Servant.

(Signed) James Raft Snowden,
Director of the U.S. Mint.

J. S. Sanford, Esq.,
Vice Pres. Adams Express Co.

To
The Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

Enclosing Communication
from Adams Express Co:
in relation to nature of the
receipt given by them for
Coin &c

Apr. 10. 1857

Nov 16th /

Sir,

As you have now under consideration the subject of the transportation of bullion and coin for the Government, I have been requested to express to you my opinion as to the manner in which this business has heretofore been performed by the Adams Express Company. It seems to me that this is scarcely necessary, for you are well acquainted with the fidelity and promptness of the Company; but as I am brought more immediately in contact with their agents and officers, especially since the large transactions between Phil^a and New York which has taken place since the establishment of the Army office, I cannot withhold the expression of my opinion on the subject. I therefore take pleasure in stating that the Company has uniformly carried and delivered with promptness, accuracy and fidelity all the bullion and coin committed to their charge, and that their officers and agents, so far as they have come under my observation, are careful, courteous and ~~careful~~ faithful men; and possess our entire confidence.

J. R. S. Butler

Hon. Howell Cobb
Sec. Treasury

To

Hon Amos Cobb
Sec Treasury

In reference to
transportation of
Bullion for Adams
Express Co.

Nov. 16, 1857

Novem. 7th 7.

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th. inst., calling attention to an unpaid deposit made by you in June last, was duly received.

I called the attention of your agent, the Adams Express Co., to your letter, and at my request, they yesterday forwarded the amount of your deposit (\$50) to you in the new Post Office.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.

Samuel R. Freeman,
Director of the Mint.

W. L. G. F. F.
27 Washington St.
Boston.

Boston Nov 5th 37
To The Directors of U S Mint
Sir

I sent by Adams Express
last May 23^d Fifty dollars
in Spanish coin to you
to be returned in new cents
but as the new cents have
not been received will you
have the kindness to send
me the amount in any kind
of U States money immedi-
ately, or return the Spanish
money sent you if it is not
used

Most respectfully yours
William Clapp

307 Washington St
Boston

See how this is -

From the Wm Clapp.
Boston.

Reprint for Anti-Slavery.

Do you consider the bank absolutely solvent both in having collectible assets sufficient to pay depositors and other creditors and in its ability to meet maturing and the usual demands in the ordinary course?

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Was a meeting had with the board of directors and all matters subject to criticism considered with them? Give names of directors and officers with whom you discussed conditions.

Did you leave a letter as instructed for the directors to sign?

What powers, if any, has the bank been authorized to exercise under Section 11k of the Federal Reserve Act? If any exercised, submit report on Form 1425-D-E-F.

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Examiner.

Chief Examiner.

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(Copy)

Buena Vista November 10th 1857

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter where you request me to sign certain accounts as the prior sent ones were lost on the Steamer Central America. I beg leave to decline to sign under the present circumstances any documents whatsoever; and by this opportunity I would respectfully draw your attention to the fact, that even if these documents would have not been lost, they would be null and void, as since the signature of said documents we have received advices from Philadelphia that the sweeps were sold for more than I was credited for, and consequently the books and charges are incorrect.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servant

Charles Hempstead Esqr

(signed)

A Haraszthy

C. H. Hempstead

Supt. &c

Dear Sir - I have as counsel for Col Haraszthy advised him, under existing circumstances to decline signing the accounts referred to. - Satisfactory

information received since those accounts were forwarded,
convinces him that the acc^{ts} do not give him the credits
to which, he is fairly and justly entitled - those accounts
must be investigated on his trial, and with his present
information, again to sign them now, might cut him
off from showing the true facts. Confident in his entire
innocence of all criminal conduct, he desires but a fair
opportunity for defence.

With great respect

Yours

Signed

J. P. Hoge.

Do you consider the bank absolutely solvent both in having collectible assets sufficient to pay depositors and other creditors and in its ability to meet maturing and the usual demands in the ordinary course?

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Nov. 10th 7.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of your favor of yesterday, respecting Dr.
Brewster's experiments.

On looking into the subject this
morning, I find that the work maybe
upon the experimental side may be
entrusted to one of our most skillful
mechanics, under the Engineer's general
direction, and that it may go forward
without materially interfering with the
regular running of that department.

I have accordingly decided that
it be prepared with as little delay as
possible.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful servant,

Samuel R. Vincent,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Newton Cobb.

Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Treasury Department
Nov. 8. 1857.

Sir

I am in the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst. enclosing a copy of a communication addressed to you by the Engraver for the Mint on the subject of furnishing an experimental die for Dr. Barclay.

It is very desirable that every facility be given by the Mint to enable the Commissioners to test the value of Dr. Barclay's discovery in time to enable the Department to report the result to Congress as required, and, it is hoped and expected, that this has been done so far as it could be without interfering with the regular operations -

operations of the establishment.

While the Department cannot sanction
any delay in the necessary operations of
the Mint with a view to hasten the
completion of the experimental die for
Dr. Backley, I trust that you fully appreciate
my anxiety to render every facility, not
incompatible with the public interest, to
hasten the investigation of the Commissioners.

I am very Respectfully
Yours

Sec of the Treasury.

J. Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

From Vto / Secretary of the Treasury.

Novr 10. '37

Due for Dr. Barclay's Experiments.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

November 9th 1857

Sir

Your letter of the 7th is received, also by the Adams Express Company, \$162,628.24 in gold coins, and 67,639.86 in Silver coins

As per receipt and Statement enclosed I have this day transmitted by the above company fifteen boxes silver bullion, weighting 29,306.72 ozs gross, net value \$35,974.39 contains gold \$5⁴³ net.

I will thank you to remit for this invoice \$25000. in $\frac{1}{4}$ dollars, and \$10,974.39 in halves:

I shall esteem it a favor if you will always remit gold coins, for gold contained in Silver, as it will obviate the necessity of making the exchange with the Assistant Treasurer.

Very Respectfully

Daniel Sturgis Esq
Trans - U.S. Mint

J. M. J. Cisco
Treasurer

P.S. 2 Packages box Empty bags returned.

No. 154

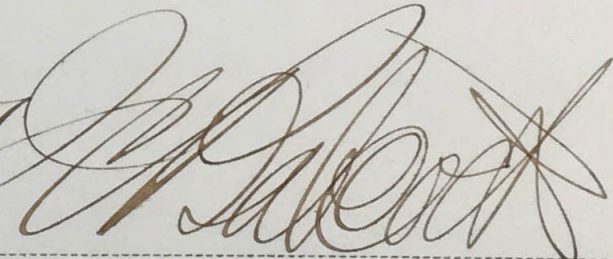
Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Box containing Gold Bullion,
15 " " 29306.72 ozs Silver "
2 Parcel " 600 Empty bags

Amounting in Net value to \$35979.82
Thirty five thousand, nine hundred &
Twenty nine ⁸²/₁₀₀ Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Nov 9 1857

Adams Express Co. 

From

J. J. Cisco, Treasr

New York

Rec'd

Nov. 10/57

Treasury Department
Nov. 9. 1857.

Sir

In compliance with your request received this Morning I enclose a copy of the statement of the value of foreign Coins as compared with the Gold Dollar of the United States -

I am very Resp^t
Wm. Lobb
Sec. of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

From / Secretary of Treasury:

Nov 10/37

Sending Copy of my Statement
of Values of Foreign Bond.

Min of the United States
Philadelphia, 10th 7, 1857

Your note of the 5th inst. relative
to the exchange of silver coins for gold has
been received.

The amount required in silver
coins and in such denominations as you
may desire will be furnished by the Mint
upon receipt of the gold coins.

Very respectfully,

Samuel R. Chaudron,
Director of the Mint.

A. H. Phillips,
Care of the

Bank of the State of Indiana,

Branch at

Lawrenceburgh,

Nov 5

1857

James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

The demand for small
Coin in this section of the Country
is quite active and to supply
that demand I would like to
obtain a few thousand dollars.

Could I obtain it at the Mint
in exchange for Gold Coins
delivered there, I pay to amt of
\$ or 10 thousand dollars.

Res
W. H. Nobbs

The att. will be
kept on the
receipt of the
Gold

From / No Branch Bk. State Indiana,
Lawrenceburg.

Nov 9, 1857.

Exchange of Silver for
Gold Coins.

Per [Signature]

For [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

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U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1857 / NOVEMBER

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The Magnetic Telegraph Company,

MORSE LINE,

BETWEEN

New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington & New Orleans,

Connecting with the Southern, Western, Eastern and Northern Lines of Morse's Telegraph

TO THE TELEGRAPHING PUBLIC.

Please write plainly; answer quickly; PRE-PAY; use no figures except dates—they cost more; give name, street, and number of the party addressed, to insure prompt delivery; also, your own address under your signature; no charge for address and signature. The above is for your safety as well as our convenience.

OFFICE IN PHILADELPHIA—302 Chesnut Street, two doors above Third.

Offices in NEW YORK.....43 Wall St., 181 Broadway, Astor House, & Entrance Burton's Theatre.
" WILMINGTON.....Telegraph Building, N. E. Corner of Third and Market Sts.
" BALTIMORE.....Sun Iron Building, Corner of Baltimore and South Streets.
" WASHINGTON.....National Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue, Corner of Sixth Street.
" NEW ORLEANS.....Under St. Charles Hotel.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Dated *Washington Dec 7* 1857

Rec'd, Phila., *7* 1857 *2* o'clock, *15* min. *P.*M.

To *The Directors of the Mint*

*Inform the Department by
telegraph what is the
largest amount in gold
& silver that can be
immediately supplied by the
bullion of the Mint without
any reserve after sending
to the assay office the
amount due. Send amount*

due to N York as soon as
possible

Howell Cobb

Secy of the Treasury

1861/10/4

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Oct 4

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min.

o'clock

1861

Rec'd, Phila.,

To the Director of the Mint

Mint of the United States
Phil^a Dec. 9. 1853

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington!

We have no gold coins
on hand ~~immediately~~ applicable to the
payment of the gold bullion ac-
count. We send tomorrow morning
two hundred and sixty thousand
dollars in gold coin to New
York. We can pay on your draft
two hundred and twenty five
thousand in silver coin immediately.

James R. Thompson
Director of the Mint

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T/D

From To

Sec of the Treasury

Amount of Corn
applicable to payment
of Treasury Draft

Dec 8. 1857

Philadelphia, Dec 7th 1857

Received from Am. J. R. Snowden Treas. U.S. Mint
The Dues & Bills are as follows.

1st D^y of H. A. D. Min. Treas. Hartford Conn. Due for 190. =

1st " Am. J. Vansant Pres. Baltimore " " 135.30

Bills to be delivered as addressed upon payment of the Bills
as above stated, and all charges for freight both ways; Proceeds
to be returned in Gold Coin.

Adams Express Co.
J. M. A. Dill

Receipt
Adams Expend:
for medals
M.A. Inst.
Conn Agr Soc.

Dec. 7, 1857

To.

Am J Vansant
President

Ma Inst

Bact^e.

(Through Adams
Express. Co.)

Recd for medals. &c

Dec 7. 1857-

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Dec 7, 1857.

Sir,

I regret to learn by your favor
of the

Dec 7. 7.

Hon Joshua Vansant, President

Maryland Institute

To Messrs Penn W. S. Mint St.

For Nine Gold Medals @ \$8.50	\$76.50
For Eighty Three Silver Medals @ 3.50	290.50
	<hr/>
Or By 3 Silver medals	\$367.00
	<hr/>
	\$367.50

Received Payment
Samuel R. Chandler
Director of the Mint.

Dear Sir:

Above please find bill for 9 gold and 83
silver medals, for the Maryland Institute, forwarded
to you today, per Adams Express Co, to whom
you will please pay the above bill, and oblige,

Very Truly & Respectfully

Samuel R. Chandler
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Joshua Vansant: }
Pres. Md. Inst. }
Baltimore }

No. of Bank

Date of Report

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 7th 1857

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th inst, also by The Adams Express Company of \$255,753.25 in Gold Coins.

Very Respectfully

D. Sturgison Esq
Treas^r U. S. Mint

J. H. J. C. W. Co
Treasurer

From
A. J. Cisco, Treas
New York

Rec'd
8 Dec '57

The Magnetic Telegraph Company,

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BETWEEN

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BY TELEGRAPH.

Dated *Washington Dec 8* 1857

Rec'd, Phila. *8* 1857 *2 27* o'clock, *P* min. M.

To *The Director of the Mint*

In your despatch received last night you say no gold coin applicable to payment on Bullion account. Statement from Treasurer Mint received this morning shows one hundred and forty two thousand five hundred and eighty nine ³⁶ dolls and eighty nine cents in gold coin. Please explain statement

of asst measurer for
last week Not received

Howell Cobb

55/120

Jc

From Sec Treasury

T/D on Relation
of Treasurers
Statement of Coins
&c on hand.

Dec. 10. 1837.

To, The Sec Treasury

Enclosing usual
con and Bullion
Statement. -

And in relation
to ability of mints
to meet draft &c

Dec 8, 1887

Luke

Henry B L

H

H. R. Linderman

HR L

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The entire balance on the credit
of the account is being
paid, say \$10,000. The balance on hand
is applicable to the expenses of the
business, including for other, paid, and
private expenses. Today the balance is
New York \$10,000 in cash.
We can see the profit but it is not
of course, your draft in full can only
be made for that amount. This balance
has on your draft if you desire it
but for the reason above I say little of it
at all. The withdrawal of all the
cash balance will leave the bank
unprofitable unless and the business

great inconvenience and additional
expense in our operations.

We are daily, in a marked way, increas-
ing the gold by giving out silver
in exchange for it & for example
last we received \$1200 in silver for
which we exchanged \$1000 in gold.
Of course we do not forget the
exchange in the other direction
that is to say, gold into silver.
Now exchange is from 75 cents to
70 cents, little our supply of
gold, and to that amount
a fractional increase of our
silver means in gold.

If, therefore, you desire to \$50,000
in gold we encourage it.

If have the honor to be
with great respect,
Yours faithfully,
John P. A. Jones

Wm. H. Hunt, Esq.

Director of the New York
Banking Co. of London of the Bank

No. of Bank -----

Date of Report -----

From & To
Messrs Luntzoffman & Co.

R. H. P.

Accl

Dec 9. 1887

Dec 9. 7.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your favor of the 5th inst I have to state that we employ, in the manufacture of the new cent, the best quality of Nickel, which we find to be the American refined, and melt it with Lake Superior Copper in the proportion of 88, in cent of the latter, to 12. of the former. The Law authorizing the issue of the new cent was passed on the 2^d. February 1857. There is nothing peculiar I believe on the subject.

Very Respectfully,

Samuel R. Johnson
Director of the Mint.

Messrs. L. von Hoffmann & Co.
etern yours 3

New York, Dec 5th 1857

J. Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

You would greatly oblige us by informing us what quality of Nickel Government uses for the new cent pieces and through what proceedings the metal has to go through, before it is coined. Has there any law been passed in relation to the coinage of these new cent pieces, and are you perhaps aware of any treatise having been printed on this subject? if so, you would confer a favor upon us by informing us, where we could procure it.

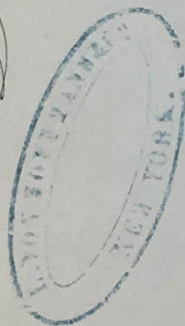
We trust you will kindly excuse the trouble we give to you and remain Sir

Your most obed^t Servants
Leon Hoffmann & Co

J. Ross Snowden Esq

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia



Refer to Prof Booth for report

To
Sec Treasury

Condition of mint
Treasury ✓

Dec 9. 1837—

Dec. 9th

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On an examination of the point
referred to in your letter of the 27th of July
it seems evident that the form of the daily
statements of the circulation of the currency
now in use is not satisfactory, or as intelligible
as it might be. I have accordingly
drawn up a form to be prepared in a different
form, which is used to day, and is herewith
enclosed.

It is however important to
note that in making these statements
of each metal, one should be
careful of each day, always distinctly
the United States, on the individual's
deposits. The facility of statements
consequently of the currency
has therefore appeared that the United
States, as the largest currency depositing
in the party entitled to be credited
with whatever coin or money has on
hand. The operation may therefore be
regarded as correct, but of the
gold coin has been reported to be

The amount in gold due the United States
to that it becomes incorrect to assume
that the government is the owner of all
the gold coin when that quantity is
total debt due.

Therefore of the profits, & expenses, due
in detail the gold and silver of the
bullion fund. The different amounts
and herewith sent, there is a considerable
or payable for the bullion fund. The fund is
is, as follows: one amount to the
amount due to the fund, for the gold and
the total for silver: of the gold and
hand is equal to the bullion fund
for either kind of bullion, whether
it belongs to the government or
not, but the difference is in amount
bullion; if more than the gold
is derived from other deposits, as for
example from the office of the
public depositories of bullion, and it
due accordingly.

Hon. Wm. Cobb. Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington D.C.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful servant,
Samuel R. Ferguson
Director of the Mint

Form 23A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank _____

Date of Report _____

Baltimore 9th Dec 1887

My dear Sir

I received yesterday, for the Maryland Institute, eighty three Silver and nine Gold Medals which you were kind enough to have made at the U. S. States Mint under your direction.

For this obliging act on your part I have been authorized to tender to you the thanks of the Committee and awards of the M^d Institute.

It is a pleasure to me to be the organ of this communication and to assure you of my high regard for you personally and Officially.

Truly Yours &c
John Vassant Post
M^d Institute

To Col J A Snowden
Director of U. S. Mint

From
John J. Hunsan
Pres & Md Inst
Baltimore
Md

ack Receipt
Medals.

Dec - 11. 1837 -

Treasury Department
Dec. 9. 1857.

Sir

Yours of yesterday has been received. The condition of the Treasury is, at this time, such as to require the use of all available means, and, the Treasurer has been instructed to issue a draft on the Treasurer of the Mint in favor of the Treasurer U.S. for \$80,000 - which sum he pleased to have transferred by Adams Express Co. as soon as possible.

I am very Resp^t.

Wm. Lobb

Sec of the Treasury

J. W. Snowman &
Director of Mint
Philad^a.

From

Sec Treasury

Advise me of draft
for \$5000 on Treasr.
of the Mint being
issued.

Dec 10, 1857.

Treasury U.S. Washington D.C.
Decemr. 9th 1857

Sr

I enclose herewith Transfer Draft No: 4827
for Eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000.) assigned
to Adams Express Co. in order to effect the
Transfer. Please despatch the Coin, so as it
may reach Washington on Saturday morning

Chas. Stinson Esq
Near Mint
Philad^a

Very respectfully
Yours Truly
Saml Casey

Treasurer U.S.

50	24
20	$\frac{1}{2}$ E
10	$\frac{1}{4}$ E

Double Eagles	\$ 50,000
Eagles	30,000
	<hr/>
	\$ 80,000

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From

S. Casey, Pres

Washington

Rec'd

10 Dec '07

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Dec 8. 7.

Dear Sir

I must claim your indulgence in
having omitted for a few days to reply to your
favor of the 21st. I have examined the paper
that you enclosed, and find that the article
is principally taken from the report of Dr. Gistner (of
the Branch Mint at Charlotte) and therefore, it
cannot be corrected or amended here. The
article however, contains a great deal not
proper to the subject, and some of its points
are debatable. The enclosed article was prepared
by Mr. Gistner, at my request, it has ~~been~~ ^{been} any
wish to supersede our former ~~report~~ ^{report} as a
response to your enquiry and request.

In response to your observation,
as to my annual report, I have to state that,
my report has been made to the Secretary of the
Treasury, pursuant to a late law, and will be

published in the report of that Officer. I would
be glad, as stated by you, to see it published in
separate form in your useful Magazine.

Very Respectfully,
Samuel Rosecrance
Director of the Mint.

J. Smith Thomas Esq.,
Editor Bankers Magazine & Statistical Register,
No 162 Pearl Street,
New York.

Penny. Although the word denarius
in the original of the New Testament, is
rendered penny in our English translation,
it seems to have been rather an accommodation,
than from any thing in the history or pedigree
of the English coin. The word penny (however
penny may endeavor to trace it to pecunia,
which is of Teutonic origin, and was
anciently written pfennig; in our day, the
Germans have it pfennig. We may trace the
British silver penny back to the Saxon ^{in the 5th or 6th century,} ~~the~~ penny,
which was pretty close by; it then weighed near
20 grains, and was of good silver. Descending
to Ethelbert, King of England, in the ninth century,
we find the penny weighing 21½ grains; and in
the time of William the Conqueror, and for some
subsequent reigns, still nearer to a pennyweight,
though a little short of it. These were of the
intrinsic value of six cents, nearly; a specimen
of William I., lately assayed at the U. S. Mint,
gave a fineness of ~~940~~ 950 thousandths; and
(which is curious) an addition of 9½ thousandths.

gold, which by the then mode of assay, only went
for so much silver, not being dissonant. In fact,
they aimed to make it unalloyed silver, refining
it as well as the state of the arts would allow
at that time. We are familiar with the history
by which the penny gradually declined, both in
weight and fineness, until at length it became
too insignificant for silver, and passed into a
heavy copper coin. At this day, the British
penny is legally equal to about two cents of our
money. The penny of the United States (for our
people persist in using that worn out term)
in New York, the twelfth part of 12¹/₂ cents,
or else an exact cent, as the case may allow,
in other states it ^{stands higher in value,} ~~is common~~ according to the
rate of shillings and pence to the dollar. But
in common parlance, cent and penny are
interchangeably.

As it regards the pedigree of this piece of money,
as money of account, if the connection can be satis-
factorily established, between the penny of the
middle ages, and the denarius of the latter days
of the Western Roman Empire (as perhaps it may

through the silver coin of Charlemagne, which
weighs 26½ grains, and that of Olybrius, three
centuries earlier, weighing 19½ grains,) we then
easily ascend to the original denarius of the
city of Rome, long before the Christian era, the
equivalent of ten pieces of brass; from thence to
the Greek drachm; and as that was the fourth
of a shekel, we may please ourselves with the
idea, that our penny has its percentage as far
back as Solomon, perhaps as high as Abraham.
But as to the etymology of the word, we must
vainly inquire of our Saxon ancestors, in the north
of northern Germany.

Penny Although the word ~~Den~~ denarius in the original of the new testament, is rendered penny in our English translation it seems to have been rather an accommodation, than from anything in the history or pedigree of the English coin. The word penny however far away may endeavor to trace it to pecunia, or denarius of Teutonic origin, and was anciently written pfennig; in our day the Germans have it pfennig—the way trace the British Silver penny back to the Saxon Leptarding in the 5th or 6th Century, pretty clearly; it then weighed nearly 20 grains, and was of good silver. Descending to Ethelbert, King of England, in the 9th Century, we find the penny weighing 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ grains; and in the time of William the Conqueror, and for some subsequent reigns, still nearer to a penny weight, though a little short of it. There were of the intrinsic value of six cents, nearly; a specimen of William I., lately assayed at the U.S. Mint, gave a fineness, of 950 thousandths; and (which is curious) an addition of 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ thousandths of

From T. To
I. Smith Adams &
Ed. Banks May

Enclosing Article
on - "Penny"
+ - + -

Dec 8. 1857 -

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 9th 1854

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th inst. also by the Adams Express Company, of \$297,816.22 in gold coins, in payment for invoice N^o 163, and on ac^t of N^o 164.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

Daniel C. Shingler Esq
Treas^r U. S. Mint

John J. Cisco
Treasurer

From

Mrs. J. Cisco, Jr

New York

Recd

10 Dec '57

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Dec 11. 7.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a statement
of the amount and denomination, of coins
in the Treasury, of the Mint and the condition
of the bullion fund at the close of business
to-day.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James R. Thompson,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

To Sec Treasurer

Com. of Public
National

Dec 11, 1887

To
The Sec Treasury

In relation to issuing
certificates for com
to

Dec 11, 1887—

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia,

185

Received

for

454.94
890

446.24

367.
190

557
454.94

102.06

548.00
454.94

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia,

185

$$\begin{array}{r} 454.94 \\ 870 \\ \hline 446.24 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 367 \\ 190 \\ \hline 557 \\ 454.94 \\ \hline 102.06 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 548.00 \\ 454.94 \\ \hline 6 \end{array}$$

To
The Sec Treasury

In relation to issuing
certificates for com
to

Dec 11, 1857—

Dec. 11th

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Sir,

As I am repeatedly asked for my opinion respecting the issuing of Mint and Coin Certificates to be used as a currency, I am induced to request your permission to publish my paper to you on that subject transmitted on the 4th ult. If you see no objections to this course I will publish it with a few preliminary remarks to call the attention of the public to the subject. I deferred, for obvious reasons, making this request until your Report was presented and printed.

I may state that the entire withdrawal of the good bullion from the Mint with sundry Mint Certificates (as they were many years ago) a sort of currency and an article of sale. Before prompt payments were made the Certificates authorized by the 19th section of the General Mint Law were issued and were cashed by the banks at a rate of discount depending upon

the time the bill was reported for passage,
of the Committee on the subject of
the form of the bill, as to have been without
amendments. No loss would be incurred
to the owner of the bill, and in
fact the advantages of a bill
which never is obtained with the
use of a dollar of the government
funds. I refer to this in my article
of the 4th ult. but do not think
have strength & that view of the
proposition.

If you have the slightest objection
to the publication of my series, please
say so, and I will withdraw the report.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Yours faithfully,
James Smith

James Smith
Director of the Mint
Hon. Henry C. Allen
Washington City

Form 23A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 11th 1854

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

Also by the Adams Express Company of Two hundred and thirty four thousand three hundred and ninety eight ⁸/₁₀₀ dollars, (\$234,398.08) in gold coins, in payment for invoice N^o 164, and on ac of N^o 165.

Very Respectfully

D. S. Thurgood Esq
Treasurer of U. S. Mint

Carot Russell
Acting Treasurer

From

J. J. Cisco, Treas

Recd

New York

Dec 2/57

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 166 Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Box containing Gold Bullion,
26 " " 51,110.49 Ozs Silver "

Parcel " "

Amounting in Net value to \$

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Dec 11 1857
Adams & Co. J. P. Abernethy

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 11. 1854

Sir

I have this day transmitted by the Adams Express Company, Twenty five boxes of silver bullion, weighing gross 52,110.49 tuncs of which you have receipt and statement enclosed. Standard weight & net value not yet determined. will transmit the same tomorrow together with the denomination of coins required in payment

Very Respectfully

Carot Russell
Acting Treasurer

D. Strong Esq
Treas^r U. S. Mint

From

J. J. Cisco, Treas

New York

Recd

12 Dec '57

Dear Sir,

Dec 14

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I have received your letter of the 12th inst, the coin therein enclosed is, what is called, a Cob real, or piece of $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents of Spanish America. The date, 743, means 1743. Whether it was coined in Mexico or Potosi, cannot be learned from the stamps. On one side, is the old Spanish loaded cross, with a Castle to; on the other, the pillars of Hercules (rocks of Gibraltar) crossed by lines, in the square of which are the letters PLVS VLTRA, a significant allusion to the "more beyond" which the King of Spain then possessed. It requires some experience to read all these things on such a rude and badly coined piece - Struck before the introduction of machinery into the mints of Spanish America; ~~and~~ ^{and} with the help ^{only} of chisel and hammer.

The piece is of full size and weight; and they were quite current in these Colonies a century ago. The locality in which this was found makes it a decided Curiosity.

Wm. A. E. Pinney
Member of Congress
Washington City,

Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Washington, Decr. 12. 1857

Sir:

A friend placed in my hands
the enclosed fragment of a silver coin,
with a view to ascertain what it was—
It was found, ^{in its present condition,} several feet underground,
in digging for the enlargement of the
Eric Canal in Central New York.—

Its identification may throw light upon
the history of the locality.—

Will you be
so kind as to cause the investigation to be made,
and advise me of the result?

James Ross Snowden, Esq.,
Director of U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia,
Penn.

Very Respectfully Yours Oth. Smith,

L. E. O. Smith

From S

Hon. J. Espinosa

M. C.

Washington

Com' enclosed - descrip-
tion & value of given

Dec 14, 1857-

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 12 1857

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 11th inst, also by the Adams Express Company of \$105,000. in gold coins.

The net value of silver transmitted yesterday is (per enclosed invoice) \$62,384.52 Contains gold \$323.36 net. For the former I will thank you to remit in half dollars \$22,000. in Quarters \$40,384.52 and gold coins for the latter.

Very Respectfully

D. S. Surgeon Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint

Wm. J. C. Waco
Treasurer

62,384.52	
323.36	L
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62,707.88	

From

J J Lewis, Jr

New York

Recd

Dec 13/57

Treasury Department
December 14, 1857

Sir,

I have to state in reply to your letter of the 11th instant, in relation to the issue of Mint and Coin certificates, that as requested therein, you are hereby granted permission to publish your views on the subject.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt.

Wm. Lobb
Sect. of the Treasury

J. Ross Snowden Esq
Director of Mint.

From Hon Henry Cobb
Sec of the Treasury
Washington

Authorizing me
to publish my
views in relation
to the issue of
United States certificates

Dec 15. 1837—

To
The S. Treasury

Com & Bullion
Statement

Dec 14, 1877

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Dec 14, 1857.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a statement
of the amount and denomin

Dec. 4th

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I have received your favor of yesterday;
the proceeds of the draft being deposited, has
been forwarded to the Treasurer of the U.S. in
the denomination of coins requested by that officer.

As my letter of the 28th ult. has been mislaid
at the Department I send with enclosed an
copy of it.

I wish now to add to it, the following
statement, that the same amount of gold
bullion is, "receiving at New York as at Phila"
I enclose \$25,000 for the assay office "waiting
for delivery of coins". Adding 25,000 to the
amt. required to be delivered for refining, it
will be seen that \$75,000 in gold is the
amount awaiting amt. which is required. In
deed I hope that the Department may find
it expedient to leave unchanged, one, or
two hundred thousands at the assay office.
But the statement of the 28th ult. is thus
to be modified.

Phila ^a assay	175,000	Gold	75,000
New York "	175,000	"	25,000
San Francisco "	25,000	"	25,000
Other cities	25,000	"	25,000
	<u>\$700,000</u>		<u>\$500,000</u>

It is my duty to inform you that the
delay will be considerable, owing to the
absence of the coin, but I will endeavor to
make the delay as short as possible.
I have communicated your letter to
the form of the statement of the
condition of the Mint, and will
reply.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

Hon Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

No. of Bank

Date of Report

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 15, 1857

Sir

Herewith you have receipt and invoice No 167. of One box Gold Bullion, weighing 2815.23 Ozs Gross, Net value \$54,441.75 for which I will thank you to remit double rates at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully

J. Stinson Esq
Treasurer of U.S. Mint

Wm J. Cress
Treasurer

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 1674 Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

One Box containing 2815.23 Ozs Gold Bullion,

" " " Silver "

Parcel " "

Amounting in Net value to \$ 57,441.75

Fifty Seven Thousand, four hundred
and seventy 75 Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at fifty
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Dec 15 1857

Adams Express Co. [Signature]

From

Mr. J. Cisco

Tracy

Recd

New York

Dec 16/57

Waltham Conn Dec 15th 1857

Mr. James Pop Shroden Director
United States Mint
Dr. Sir

We ship to you
this day One Pair Chilled Iron Rolls as proposed,
we believe them to be as good as any Chilled Iron Roll
and hope you will give them a trial soon.

Yours V^l

Blake & Johnson
W. Stevens & Co.

From Messrs Blake & Johnson
Waterbury
Conn.

Shipment of cast iron
rods

Dec 17. 1857—

House of Representatives:
Washington, Dec: 15. 1857.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 14th
instant enclosing the coin is
received — please accept my
thanks for the very interesting
and satisfactory explanation.

Hoping for an opportunity
to serve you

I am, Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden, Esq. &c.
Philadelphia, Pa.
E. D. A. Pinnett

From
Hon J. Spencer
Mr. C. Washington

Ac12 & thanking
me for description
of a certain coin
&c

Dec 17, 1857

Henry F. James
 Edwin C. Allen
 Wm. C. Churchill
 Fred. W. Leonard

City Bank
 OF
JAMES, ALLEN & CO.

Ottawa, Ill. Dec 16th 1857

Manager W. S. Mint
 Philadelphia
 Dear Sir

on #7581 on St. Nicholas BK \$100.00
 Please send us for same for Express —
 New Cents —

Yours truly
 James Allen & Co

3.26
 7.49 7.49

\$7.49
 3.26
 4.23

6.50
 1.12
 .19
 1.87
 9.68

From

Eames, Allen & Co

Ottawa, Ill.

Rec'd
21 Dec '57 }

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 16, 1857

Sir

I have received by the Adams Express Company Fifty Thousand dollars in gold coins, (not silver, as stated in your letter of the 15th inst) which I have placed to ~~the~~ of invoice No 165.

In answer to your suggestion, relative to the smaller denominations of coins, in payment of my deposits, I have to reply: That I am not disposed to waive my right of priority; as it would be unjust to depositors here, who have been long awaiting payment; therefore to accommodate such, I am willing, in this instance, to receive the amount alluded to, in Quar. eagles and Three dollar pes. But must decline the gold dollars.

As you state your "necessity of relying on the deposits for the material of coinage" ^{to} you "pay depositors" this Office included, I would ask, why that denomination of coins, expressly designated in my letters, accompanying each deposit, is not returned?

Very Respectfully

John J. Cox Treas^r.

D. Sturgeon Esq. Treas^r.

From

From
Mrs. J. C. C. C. C.

Recd

New York

Dec 17/57

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17 Dec 1851

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Dec. 1837

Sir,

Having considered the various bids made for the solution of nitrate of soda from our refinery, I have to inform you that the contract has been given to Messrs. Percus & Wightman, whose terms as finally presented were very much more favorable than any others.

Very respectfully
your obed^t serv^t

G. N. Eckert
Director

Messrs. W. Loring & Co.

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

2-16156

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 14. 1857

Sir

I am in receipt of Sixty four Thousand, Eight Hundred and fifty eight ⁶² dollars (\$64,868.62) in Gold Coins, by The Adams Express Company, on 4c of invoice N^o 145.

Very Respectfully

D. H. Morgan Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint

J. M. J. C. Geo
Treasurer

From

J. J. Cisco, Pres
New York

Recd

18 Dec '57

December 18. 1857

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th, also by the Adams Express Company, of silver and gold coins in payment for invoice N. 116. amounting to \$62,707.88.

In relation to my inquiry, 'why the denomination of coins designated, for my deposits, should not be returned', I have simply to state, that I was not aware, the small coins which you proposed to substitute for the double eagles requested, were an "accumulation from old coinage"; but supposing them to have been recently executed, and that the payment of deposits, was made in conformity with the action of the depositor, I was at a loss to understand why my deposits should have been made an apparent exception: your explanation is, however, entirely satisfactory.

P. Sturgeon Esq.
Treasurer U. S. Mint

Very Respectfully
J. M. Schofield Treasurer

From

J. J. Cised, Bay
New York

Recd

19 Dec '57

Augusta Ga Dec^r 18 1857
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We hereby
Countermand the instructions given
in our letter of 10th inst as to the
shipment of Gold by Adams Express
Co & will be obliged if you will
pay over the nett proceeds to Mess
Joseph S. Lovering & Co of your city
in gold or Silver Coin & their receipt
will be acknowledged by us - we will
be glad to get a statement from
you direct - your attention will
be duly appreciated by

Yours Very Respectfully

William Derricks & Co

Received and deposited Decem 15th; proceeds returned
Decem. 17th to Augusta Geo \$ 454.46

Bill
Dec 22

From

Poullain, Leming Co

Augusta, Ga

Recd

22 Dec '57

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

MARCH 16, 1843.

All official letters, reports, and communications to this Department, or to the head of any office thereof, will be folded and enclosed in a wrapper; and on the middle fold will be endorsed the name of the person making the same, with his official title, the place from which sent, the date, and a brief analysis of its contents, in the manner indicated by the annexed form. If more than one paper is sent, the analysis should contain the substance of all such papers, or the subject of them, and the number of papers enclosed should be stated. On the outside wrapper should be endorsed the name of the office from which the communication is sent, when transmitted by any officer of the Government.

An observance of this regulation will much promote the convenience of all the officers and clerks of the Department, and will ensure a more prompt attention to the communications thus endorsed.

The heads of the different offices of the Department are particularly requested to conform to this rule, and to enforce it on all who address communications to them.

J. C. SPENCER,

Secretary of the Treasury.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

APRIL 8, 1853.

The above is still in force, and a strict compliance with its terms requested.

JAMES GUTHRIE,

Secretary of the Treasury.

RE EVERY PAPER OF EVERY DESCRIPTION MUST BE ENDORSED.

When there is more than one paper enclosed, each paper must be separately endorsed, as to its nature, viz: "Return of specie;" "Monthly return of moneys received and disbursed;" "Weekly return of moneys received and disbursed," &c.

RE NEGLECT TO ENDORSE WILL BE REPORTED.

From

Hon. A. Cobb

Sec. of Treas

Recd

Washington

18 Dec '57

E. Curtis, Collector.
New York, March 17, 1843.

Account of Receipts and Expenditures
for week ending 11th instant.

Also transmits application of A B to
make entry under act of 1st March,
1823, with three papers enclosed.

Phila 19. Dec. 1857

Dear Sir

The load of Coal from Messrs. Bissonet & Newton, purporting to be a Ton, weighed $2145\frac{1}{2}$ lbs., of which 1600 lbs. were tolerably good, and $545\frac{1}{2}$ were intolerably bad.

I have made an estimate of the value of this load, assuming the 1600^{lbs} to be the best coal, which it was not, & worth the contract price of \$4.75, and assuming the $545\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. to be worth half as much, which is I think fully or above its value.

1600 lbs. coal @ 4.75 for 2240 lbs.	=	\$ 3.39 $\frac{1}{2}$
545 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. " 2.37 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 2240 "	=	.58
		<hr/>
		\$ 3.97 $\frac{1}{2}$

I estimate therefore the short ton of $2145\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. to be worth at most \$3.97 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Respectfully yours
J. C. Booth

Hon. J. R. Snowden
Director, U. S. Mint

From Prof. Cook
On 1 R.
W. S. Smith

Report as to
quantity of coal

Dec 20, 1837. -

A. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 19. 1857

Sir

Your letter of the 18th is received;
also by the Adams Express Company, Forty
Thousand dollars (\$40,000) in gold coins, be-
ing the balance due on invoice N^o 145.

Very Respectfully

D. Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint.

Wm. J. Geo
Treasurer

From

J. J. Cisco, Treas
New York

Rec'd

Dec '21/57

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Phila

1871

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To
Edward A. Hunt Esq
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New York

Shrap Machine

Dec 21, 1837—

Middlesex Mechanic Association
Lowell Mass Dec 21, 1857.

James Ross Snowden Esq.
Director A. S. Mint.

Dear Sir, You have recently
struck a lot of medals for us, I am informed that the
dies were not in perfect order when you rec'd them; our
safe in which they were kept, is at times damp. We
wish you to retain the dies in your care & protection,
If you grant the request - Please inform us at your
earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully,
John W. Smith
Treasurer.

Wm & Co
John W Smith Esq
Care Mich^d Moore Esq
Lowell
Mass

Reservation of
Ais at the
Mint

Dec 23, 1837

Mass. 7.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your favor of
the 21st inst. I have to state that the dies
of your Society will be carefully kept at the
Mint subject to its order.

Very Respectfully,
Samuel R. Mendenhall,
Director of the Mint.

John W. Smith Esq.,
Treasurer,
Middlesex Mechanics Association,
Lowell
Mass.

N^o 168.

Nineteen Bars of Fine Gold
transmitted to the U.S. Mint for Coinage,
in pursuance of the Act of March 1855, by
John F. Cisco, Treasurer of the U.S. Assay
Office, New York.

1857.

December 21. Two Boxes # 101 + 102 containing

N^o 4932 @ 4950 weight. ^{ounces dec.} 4688.59 @ 99 1/2 f

5165.263 ounces Stand^d = \$ 96,097.92

Deduct for Coinage, 480.49

Net Value, \$ 95,617.43

No. 168

Gold Bullion

\$95,617.43

Received Dec. 22/57

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 21. 1857

Sir

As per receipt and statement enclosed, I have this day transmitted by the Adams Express Company, two boxes of gold bullion, weighing 4688.59 ozs gross. Net value \$95521⁰⁰ for which I will thank you to return double eagles in payment.

I shall make no further shipment of gold bullion, during the present year

Very Respectfully,

P. Sturgis Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint

Wm. J. C. Geo
Treasurer

No. 168

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.Two Boxes containing 4688.59 Oz Gold Bullion,
" " " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to \$95521⁰⁰Twenty five thousand, five hundred
& twenty one dollars.which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at fifty
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Dec 21 1857

Adams Express Co J. Babcock

From

Bro. J. C. C. Tracy
New York

Recd
22 Dec '57

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 23^d 1857.

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of
the 22nd also by The Adams Express Company, of
\$57,441.75 in gold coins, in payment for invoice
N^o 167.

I enclose corrected invoice N^o 168. The bars
are properly stamped 991 $\frac{1}{2}$ f. net value \$95,617.43

Very Respectfully,

D. Stinson Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint

John J. Cisco
Treasurer

From

J. J. Cisco, Treas

Recd New York
Dec 24/57

N^o 62 Pine St New York Dec 23/57
To the Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Sir

Having been requested
by the Director of the Mint of S^{ra} Luis Potosi
in Mexico to procure some Copper such
as used by the U.S. Mint for the alloy of
Silver, will you be kind enough to let me
know what kind of Copper you use for said
purpose when it can be procured and the
price generally paid and you will oblige
Yours Respectfully
Geo. H. VanSturven

Tom + Jo

Sec St. Bonslar ~~town~~ Eng
N Y.

In reference to the Bond
of Capt. and for
all at the Court &

Dec 24, 1857.

Dec 24. 7.

Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 23^d inst. I have to state that we use at this institution for the assay of silver, the purest quality of Lake Superior or Copper, which we purchase of Messrs A. & J. B. of this City, who are extensive dealers in the same, and can be relied on to furnish it of the proper quality. The market price for the article in question is about 28 cents per pound.

Very Respectfully,
Samuel R. Chandler
Director of the Mint.

Geo. W. Banstovoren Esq.,
No. 62 Pine Street,
New York.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 24. 1857

Sir

I have this day transmitted by the Adams Express Company, in receipt and statement enclosed, nineteen boxes. Silver Bullion weighing 38,052.09 ounces. The stand ought not value of which I will furnish on Friday.

This is the last shipment of Bullion I shall make during the present year, to afford the opportunity, mutually desirable, I presume, to close all balances within the year.

Very Respectfully

D. Sturgeon Esq
Treas^r U. S. Mint.

J. M. S. West
Treasurer

No. 169

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Box containing Gold Bullion,
19 " " 38,052.09.058 Silver "
Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to \$

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, December 24 1857

Adams Express Co



From

J. J. Lewis & Co.

New York

Rec'd 2

Dec. 26/57

P.O. Utica N.Y. Dec. 24
1857

J. R. Snowden Esq -

Director of U.S. Mint -

Sir/

I have
on hand about \$50. in old Cents,
and I wish to know if you can
let me have in Exchange for
them, silver or gold provided
I pay Transportation both ways.

If not, can you let me have
say one half in silver or gold?

The old Cents are so abundant
here that it is impossible to pre-
vent their rapid accumulation
in the P.O. - If you can afford
me any relief I will not trouble
you again - I am Sir

Very Respectfully

Your ob^l serv^t

J. Tiffany P.M.

over

I forgot to say that I have
about \$25. in Spanish Silver Coin
which I shall send with the Embs.

L. T.

Thm & S
L. J. Jany
at Wash
Alta N.Y.

Exchange
for Gold coin

Dec 26. 1837

Dec. 26

Sir,

In reply to your inquiry
I have to state that the Copper
cents of the old type, are
received at the Mint in exchange
for the cents of the new issue;
(Copper & nickel); but the
Mint does not buy either
gold or silver coins for
the Copper cents.

Very Respectfully

Samuel R. Mendenhall
Director U. S. Mint.

J. Tiffany Esq
P. Martin
Whelan,
New York

CROWELL & COLLINS, Agts.

No. 50 North Wharves.

Philadelphia Dec 22 1857

M. R. S. Mint

To Cash G. Greller

Dr.,

For Freight on

78 cmt. Keziah
Portwine .04

DOLLS.

CTS

3 12
2 00

Expenses,

~~Boston Wharfrage.~~

5 12

Received Payment for CROWELL & COLLINS,

From

New York

Crowell & Collins

New York Dec 24/57

Mr President
Dear Sir We

have just received returns of
our Bars through Chandler's
Express Co and beg leave
to state that there is some
mistake as we have made
a pays and found them
yield more than the mint
statement. Your kind
attention to the above will much
oblige us

Yours Respy

J. C. Solomon & Co

J. C. Solomon

45 Tring St

1452 1/2

1321
1453

Our assays of this Deposit,
both for gold & silver, were
proved by repetition; and there
is not any room to doubt of
the accuracy of the report
given. —

J. R. E.

To
H Solomon \$60
N.Y.

reference
to a deposit

Dec 26, 1857,

Dec 26. 7.

Gentlemen

In reply to your favor of
the 24th inst. we have to state that the Mint
assays of the deposit referred to in your letter,
both for gold and silver, were proved by repetition;
and there is not a shadow of doubt as to the
accuracy of the report given.

Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

H. Solomon & Co.,
New York,

To
The Sec Treasury

Enclosing Com & Fuller's
Statement

Dec 24, 1857—

June 7.

Sir,

Enclosed, please find a statement
of the amount and denomination of bonds in
the Treasury of the Mint, and the condition
of the Succession fund at the close of business
to-day.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

Samuel R. Anderson

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Horace B. Co.,

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington City.

No. of Bank

Date of Report

United States, Mint

Treasurer & To Wm J. Linnard

1887	Dec. 17	32ft 18 Cherry Eds	64	order	1 92
"	"	Cartage to Mint	19	No.	25
"	26	123ft 3in P.P.R.	"	5 order	6 15
"	"	220" B. Common	"	4 No.	8 80
"	"	574" Extra wide P. P.R.	6	20.	3 24
"	"	Cartage to Mint			25
					<hr/> \$ 20 61

Wm J. Linnard
Geo H. Linnard
H. Linnard

Rec. payment
W. J. Linnard

Return of

#20.61

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

Dec 26 1854

Sir

I herewith enclose the net value of invoice W 169. Silver bullion transmitted on the 24th inst. viz

38 1152.09 ozs Gross. 37848.62 Stand. = \$ 46,361.59

Contains Gold 10.910 " net 197.55

for which I will thank you to remit in half dollars \$ 25,000. in Quarters \$ 21,361.59 in Gold coins \$ 197.55

Very Respectfully,
Yours Obedtly

Wm Loring Esq
Treasr U S Mint

Wm J. West
Treasr

25,361.59 1/2
21,000 00 1/4
197.55 Total

46,559.14

30,017.43

77,176.57

Now W

Tracy

J. J. Cisco Tracy

New York

Recd

Dec 27/57

To.
Sec Treasury

In relation to counterfeit
3 cent coin which is
in circulation at
Waterbury Conn,

Dec 26. 1857—

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia,

185

It will be seen that there is a great
heat in the lettering, and the criticisms
are much stronger than in the former
edition; but they are mostly not calculated
to offend the public.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Yours faithfully
James Fort

James Fort
Secretary of the Board

Hon. Gerrit E. B.
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Dec. 26th

Sir,
I have received from Mr. T. Leavenworth, Port Master at Woburn, Connecticut, his excellent Combs. 3 combes, with the information that several others of the same description have come under his observation and that they are circulating somewhat extensively in that vicinity. He adds "It has been suggested also that they are made in this immediate neighborhood."

As the Combs are well calculated to damage especially as the character is so low and never kept to the standard much examination of counsel. I am only to show that, and to suggest that you are aware of instructions to be given to the U.S. District Attorney to ascertain whether these Combs and marks in Woburn or vicinity and if so that proceedings be at once commenced against the offenders.

The Combs are composed of German silver with a light coating of silver on them. I examined with some care

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

2-16156

To
The Sec Treasury
Washington

Enclosing Com &
Bulletin Statement

Dec 26, 1837

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Dec 24, 1857.

Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 23^d inst I have to state that we use at this institution for the alloy of silver, the purest quality of Lake Superior ingot copper, which we purchase from Messrs A. Trotter & Co. of this city, who are extensive dealers ^{in the same} ~~of the article~~ in question, and can be relied on to furnish ^{it of the proper quality} ~~the proper article~~. The price of the same is about 28 cents per pound.


Dec 26. 7.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a statement of the amount and denomination of coins in the Treasury of the Mint, and the condition of the business, at the close of business to day.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,

Your faithful servant,


James R. Thompson,
Director of the Mint.

John Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington.

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

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Litur

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McConje swap

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29,482.00

870.

Gora P

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280.103.64

74.218.53

93.969.46

72.982.22

955.565.91

Litur P

4014.37

179.12

1723.39

5916.88

Dec 27/71

Washington.

28 Dec. 1857.

My dear Sir.

This my intention to present
a bill to the Senate, extending the limit for
which our newspapers can be
sued to \$25. I think that our
subscription may be largely increased
& that it may be made to displace to a
great extent that of bank notes, of the
smaller denominations. I should be
very much obliged to you for your views
on this matter. Please let me have a
statement of the amount that we have
collected ^{in each year} in the charge of our share, the
prices of shares which have been paid by the
members since the charge, the amount

of silver bullion & coin in the Mint branches
before the suspension of the Pennsylvania
banks, & that now held, the amount
crimed in that interval. My object is
to make an approximate estimate of the
amount of silver coin that may probably
be made to enter into circulation
annually. I would wish also to have
a statement of the cost of our silver coinage
at the present price of bullion, & the profit
resulting from it, & any other information
that you may deem necessary to a proper
decision of the subject.

James R. Snowden Esq
Director of US Mint
Philadelphia

Very Respy
Yours truly
John Steele

From
Hon^{ble} Geo. S. Bidell
U. S. Senator
Washington City

Desiring Statistics
of Silver Coinage
under Act of Feb
21, 1833

Dec 29, 1833

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 28th 1857

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 26th inst., I have to say, that in order to facilitate the closing of our accounts, during the current year, I shall not object to receiving Silver Coins in partial payment of Gold invoice No 168. The amount to be replaced in gold coins, in your remittance for the next silver invoice transmitted to you, if you should find it necessary to do so.

Very Respectfully

J. Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint

Wm J. C. W. Co
Treasurer

From

J. J. Cisco, Treas

Rec'd New York

Dec. 29/57

Phila December 28th 1854

At the Request of the Proper Officers of the
US Mint I hereby Respectfully submit the
following as my Estimate for such alterations
and improvements on the Coining Press known
as the Old Cent Press

Items as follows

- | | | |
|---|--|-----------|
| 1 | Drawings & Patterns for Eccentric & Strap & Hook
& Center plates on Lever or arm on Rock Shaft. | |
| | Thirty Dollars | \$ 30.00 |
| 2 | Castings of Eccentric & Strap Strap & Cast steel forgings
for Center plates & Hook and finishing &
fitting on and Adjusting same | |
| | Two Hundred Dollars | 200.00 |
| 3 | new Collar Plate Drawings & Patterns Casting
of Strap Forty Dollars | 40.00 |
| 4 | Finishing & Fitting in new Collar Plate
with Friction Plates & Ctr | |
| | One Hundred Dollars | 100.00 |
| 5 | new Carrage & Stake Guides | 100.00 |
| 6 | one Pair Feeders on Pitchers & Tube for same | |
| | Thirty Dollars | 30.00 |
| 7 | Putting up Press in Mint | 35.00 |
| | | \$ 535.00 |

Respectfully Submitted

Gilbert

Rebuilding Coining Press.

The length of time to make the desired alterations would be uncertain, owing to the necessary repairs of the machinery, which would consume the time of the hands, thereby making it very uncertain when the job could be finished. It might be 10, 12, 15 or more months.

To Commence operations it would be necessary to purchase a planing Machine for the use of the Shop.
Cost about 500.00

Cost of Material labour &c. for to rebuild in the simplest manner from 500 to 600 Dollars.

To make it a Press similar to those in operation would cost from 15 or 16 hundred Dollars

Planer	500.00
Cost of Press	600.00
	<hr/> 1100.00

More Complete \$2000

Carry

From
Messrs Leguay &
Gilbert
To Director
of the Compt.
"Alterations & improve-
ments of the coming
Press!"

Dec 28/54

To Sec Treasury

December 28th 1857

Enclosing Com
and Queen's Statement

Dec 28, 7.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a statement
of the amount, and denomination, of coins in the
Treasury of the Mint, and the condition of the
succession fund at the close of business to-day.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

Samuel R. Henshaw
Director of the Mint.

Wm Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington.

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

New York 28th Dec^r 1857

To Director of
U. S. Mint Phila

Dr Sir

I have this day forwarded
to you by Adams & Co's Express, one box containing
Sixty(60) dollars of the old coinage of cents, for
which, please return me cents of the kind now
issuing from your Department

Yours Respectfully
John A. Russell

Please advise
me when you
send the new coin

29 North Moore St. N.Y.

From John A Russell
N Y

Old cents for exchange
for New cents for

Dec 30, 1857,

DECEMBER 29TH 1837

[1857]

Dec. 29th

My dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, and to thank that as soon as the Statutes are sent for I can be supplied, I will communicate them to you, together with my views upon your proposition to increase the amount for which Silver Coins is a legal tender.

I must therefore claim your indulgence for a few days; in the mean time I may add that I most cordially concur in the views you express upon this subject.

I am, with great regard,
Yours obediently,

Hon. John A. Biddle
U. S. Senator,

Samuel R. Menden
Washington City,

P.S. I send you a copy of a little pamphlet I have recently published,
S. R. M.

Patent
To
Hon John Shadell
U.S.S
Washington

Happy letter
yesterday

Dec 29, 1887

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 29. 1857

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of
the 28th. also by the Adams Express Company
of \$15000. in gold coins, on etc of invoice
n^o 168.

Very Respectfully

D Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint

John J. Cisco
Treasurer

From

J. J. Cisco, Pres

New York

Recd

Dec 30/57

To J. H. Keams

Enclosing (usual
com. & Bullion
Statement)

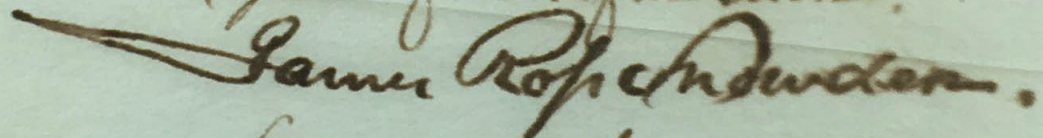
Dec 29, 1837

Dec 29. 7.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a statement
of the amount, and denomination, of coins
in the Treasury of the Mint, and the condition
of the bullion fund at the close of business
to-day.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,


James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Hon Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

No. of Bank

Date of Report

The U.S. Mint

For 400 bags for ~~sub~~ ^{sub} \$1,000, @ \$10.50 p-b - \$42.00

Correct
Geo. H. Sullivan
Paying teller

Philadelphia Dec 29/57

To Mr. B. Leidy Dr

Receipt

Wm. B. Leidy

#42.7



Miss Cornelia Dec 30th 1857

Dear Sir -

Will you be kind enough to
inform me what the present fineness
of our silver coin is?

Has the quality
been changed from $\frac{900}{1000}$?

Very truly yrs
H. R. Smith

Please address care Beegs & Smith

From To

H. R. Smith Esq
Cincinnati
Ohio

Lines of our Silver
Coins

Jan 4. 1838.

Law 4. 8.

Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 30th ult.
I have to state that the fineness of our silver coin is
900 thousandths, that is to say, of 100 parts by
weight, 900 is of pure silver and 100 of copper.

Very Respectfully,

Samuel Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Mr. A. R. Smith,
Care of Messrs. Beget & Smith,
Cincinnati
Ohio.

Duplicate

Philadelphia Decr 30th 1857

U. S. Mint

To Adams Express Co Dr
For Transportation of Silver Bullion —

1857

Dec. 1	To Sp. Treas. N. York	18,274. ²⁵	@ 1.50 p.m.	\$ 27.41
" 2	To Ditto	44,645. ¹⁴	" " "	66.97
" 3	To U. S. Deposy Pittsburg	10,000. =	@ 2.00 " "	20.00
" "	To Treas. Sp. Office N. York	61,171. ⁶²	" 1.50 " "	91.76
" 12	Thru Do.	62,707. ⁰⁰	" " "	94.06
" 17	To Do	62,707. ⁰⁰	" " "	94.06
" 25	Thru Do	46,559. ¹⁴	" " "	69.83
" 29	To Do	77,176. ⁵⁷	" " "	115.76
				<hr/>
				\$ 579.85

Correct:

R. Satterton

Treas. U. S. Mint

Received Payment

Adams Express Co

per R. S. Satterton, Sup't

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 30 1857.

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th inst. also by the Adams Express Company of Seventy Seven Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty Six ⁵⁷ dollars in Gold and Silver coins, for invoices No 168 and 169. of which \$30,617.43 are to be replaced in Gold coins, from the next Silver invoice transmitted.

Very Respectfully

D Sturgent Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint.

Wm. J. Wadsworth
Treasurer

From

J. J. Cisco, Treas

New York

Recd

Dec 31/57

(Copy)

Rec^d Philadelphia (Dec 31. 1837) of Danforth,
Wright & Co. Bank Note Engravers, by virtue of an order
from the Sec^y of Treasury of the United States, the following
named Copper plates of the U. S. Treasury Notes

To wit. One plate A. B

" " 20. 20

" " 20. 20

" " 20. 20

" " 100. 100

" " 100. 100

" " 100. 100. 100

" " 50. 50. 50. 50

" " 20. 20. 20. 20

" " 10. 10. 10. 10

" " 10. 10. 10. 10

" " 5. 5. 5. 5

" " 5. 5. 5. 5

" according to act of Congress
Dec 26. 1814 "

" according to act of Congress
24th Feb^y 1815 "

which have been cancelled by Danforth, Wright & Co

(over)

Philad Dec 31. 1857
Col. J. R. Snowden
Director U. S. Mint

Philad

Sir

Enclosed herewith we
hand you copies of the Act & memo given us
today for the old Copper Plates as requested
together with a copy of the letter of the Secretary
of the Treasury of U. States of 29th inst. in relation
thereto

Very respectfully

Yr Obedt
Danforth Wright & Co

(Copy of Memo^r given to Dauph. Wright)

" Philad^a Dec 31. 1837

Dauph. Wright & Co. Bank Note Engravers
have this day brought to the U. S. Mint the
following old Copper Bank Note plates of the
Bank of Gettysburg Pa

Is wit One plate 5. 5. 5. 10

" " 10. 20. 5. 5

" " 10. 20. 20. 50

" " 100. 50. 50. 50

which have been
cancelled by Dauph. Wright & Co. and which
the Cashier desires to have melted up

From
Messrs Sanfords
Wright & Co.

old copper
plates -

Dec 31, 1837 -

(Copy of Hon Hobb's letter to D. H. H.)

" Treasury Department
Dec 29. 1857

Gentlemen

I will thank you to carry out the suggestion contained in your letter of 28th inst in regard to the Copper plates in your Custody Engraved for the Treasury Notes, issued more than forty years since, & worn out by service

Please deface them as you may think proper, and deliver them as old Copper to the Director of the Mint, who will receive them on your showing him this letter and apply them to some suitable purpose

Very respectfully

Yr. ob. S.

(Signed)

Hon. H. Cobb

Super. Danforth. Wright H.

Engraver

Philadelphia

Secy of Treasury

To
The Secretary of the Treasury

(3 Letters)

1. Report of monthly count
and examination
2. Report Deposits & Mortgage
3. Enclosing coin and
Bulletin Statement

Dec 31, 1837-

Dec 31. 7.

Sir,

The enclosed statement exhibits
the deposits and coinage at the Mint during
the month ending to-day.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
Sam^l R. Chapman
Director of the Mint.

Wm Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington.

P.S. I am glad to mention
that the exchange of silver for gold
coin has, during the month, reached the
sum of \$1,000,000. It is a very gratifying
testimony to the confidence of the public in the
gold coin of the United States.

Dec 31. 7.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a
Statement of the amount, and denomination,
of coins in the Treasury of the Mint,
and the condition of the Bullion fund,
at the close of business to-day.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
Samuel R. Chandler.
Director of the Mint

Hon Howell Cobb
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City

Dec 31, 7.

Sir,

The usual monthly count and examination made at the Mint at the close of business to-day exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer, viz:


In gold coins.	\$ 72,908.50
: Silver ..	512,863.82
. Ten Cents	3.62
.. Ordinary Exp.	6,020.81
.. Repair Fund.	24.59
San Francisco Br. Mint Fund	18.66
New Orleans do.	2,710.83
Total	<u>\$594,550.83</u>

which was found to agree with the balances as stated upon the books of account in his office.

The balance in the hands of the Asst.

Treasurer of the U. States at the same time
^{possible} was \$395,592.26, in gold and silver coin, cor-
responding with that Officer's book of account.

An examination into the condition of
the Mint generally gave satisfactory evidence
that the business of the institution is conducted
with fidelity and care, and a proper attention
alike to the interests of the government and the
public.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,

Director of the Mint.

Amos A. Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Form 23A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

To
Sec Treasury
Washington

Enclosing papers
in relation to undischarged
mint receipt ~~held of~~
~~by me~~ advanced
held by Messrs
Parrott & Co. of
San Francisco,

Dec 31, 1837,

Dec. 31. 7.

Sir,

The enclosed papers in relation to an unindorsed mint receipt of one Armoured held by Messrs Parrott & Co, of the City of San Francisco, are presented for your consideration in accordance with Your letter of the 13th of October last, (declining to authorize the payment of the same,) in which You stated that, if Messrs Parrott & Co chose to present evidence of the special facts showing the receipt to have been equitably assigned to them though not indorsed, the same would be considered.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

Samuel R. Anderson
Director of the Mint.

Hon Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington.

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Copy

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Nov. 3 1857

Dear Sir,

Your note of the 11th ult. was duly received, and upon the request of the Assayer of this Mint, I have now to make the following additional orders, and ask your early attention to them.

First, we wish an Assay Beam of the first class, similar to the most improved instrument last sent by you. Further description is considered unnecessary. - But all the beams hitherto sent, have suffered more or less in the transportation, in consequence of being put to gether ready for use. I have therefore to request that the beam be packed in a box by itself; the other

parts of the movement, ^{as far as} ~~by itself~~
practicable, in another box; and
especially, that the bottom glass plate
should be packed by itself, and not
in the glass case of the balance. —
In a former instance, this plate
was fractured, and had to be
renewed at considerable expense.

Please to send at the same
time three sets of weights for gold
assay, in ivory boxes.

When ready for shipment, You
will place them in charge of the
Express Company as heretofore, with
directions that the box is to remain
unopened at the New York Custom
House, until an order is obtained
to forward it in that condition. At
the same time or a little previous, You
will write to me, enclosing the Expressor's
bill of lading, and You will pay them
at such rate as will effect an
insurance on their part ~~equal~~

equal to the amount of your bill.

In the same letter you
will please enclose your own
bill, with the freight and insurance
added; for which, after examination
and approval here, you will expect
to receive a remittance.

Respectfully & —
(Signed) James Ross Sinden
Director

Mr L. Cuthing
12 Store Street
Beaufort Square
London

From & Co
L Oertling
London

Order for articles
for Assay Sept
of the mine

etcn 3, 1857.



L. OERTLING

Manufacturer of

BALANCES.



Mathematical & Philosophical.

INSTRUMENTS.

12, Store Street,
BEDFORD SQUARE,

LONDON.



CHEMICAL BALANCES.

£ s. d.

- Balance with 8-inch beam, standing on mahogany box, with drawer, to carry 300 grains in each pan, and turn with $\frac{1}{50}$ of a grain - - - - - 3 3 0
The same Balance with glass case - - - - - 4 0 0

- Balance with 12-inch beam, standing on mahogany box, with drawer, to carry 800 grains in each pan, and turn with $\frac{1}{50}$ of a grain. The beam is divided for the use of the sliding weight - - - - - 4 10 0
The same Balance in glass case, with adjusting screws - - - - - 6 6 0

- Balance with 12-inch beam, to carry 1,000 grains in each pan, and turn distinctly with $\frac{1}{100}$ of a grain; the beam is divided; apparatus fixed in case for moving the sliding weight, short pan for taking specific gravities; glass case with adjusting screws. The beam of this Balance is constructed with straight knife-edges at the ends, upon which the pans are suspended by steel planes - - - - - 8 10 0

The same Balance fitted up in a glass case without drawer, standing on 3 turned feet, and without apparatus for moving the sliding weight - 6 6 0

The above is particularly recommended for the use of pupils in the laboratory, as a really good instrument, but fitted up as economically as possible.

- | | £ | s. | d. |
|--|----|----|----|
| 4. Balance with 14-inch beam, to carry 1,500 grains in each pan, and indicate when loaded $\frac{1}{1000}$ of a grain; the beam is constructed with knife-edges at the ends, upon which the pans are suspended by agate planes; the centre also works upon a single agate plane; the beam is divided; apparatus for moving the sliding weight; pan for weighing potash-apparatus and taking specific gravities; glass case with adjusting screws - - | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| 5. Balance as No. 4 with apparatus for steadying the pans connected with the same axis which moves the beam, so that one movement of the handle first releases the pans and then the beam; the 3 edges of the beam are made of agate, so that all the working parts of the instrument are most effectually protected against the fumes of the laboratory, or the effects of a damp climate - - | 18 | 18 | 0 |
| 6. Balance with 16-inch beam, to carry $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb. to 2 lbs. in each pan, and turn when loaded with $\frac{1}{100}$ of a grain; the beam is divided; apparatus for moving sliding weight; glass case with adjusting screws - - - - | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| The same Balance with a beam with agate edges - | 16 | 0 | 0 |
| 7. Balance with 16-inch beam for general use in the laboratory, to carry 2 lbs. in each pan, turning with $\frac{1}{10}$ of a grain; with glass case - - - - - | 8 | 8 | 0 |

ASSAY BALANCES.

- | | | | |
|---|----|----|---|
| 8. Balance with 10-inch beam, to carry 500 grains in each pan, turning most distinctly with $\frac{1}{1000}$ of a grain; glass case with adjusting screws - - - - - | 12 | 12 | 0 |
| 9. Balance with 8-inch beam, to carry 200 grains in each pan, turning most distinctly with $\frac{1}{1000}$ of a grain; the beam is constructed with 3 edges of agate, and the pans are supported by agate planes: apparatus for moving the sliding weight - - - - - | 18 | 18 | 0 |
| 10. Balance with 8-inch beam to carry 50 grains in each pan and turn with $\frac{1}{200}$ of a grain - - - - - | 5 | 15 | 0 |
| 11. Balance with 8-inch beam to carry 30 grains in each pan, and turn with $\frac{1}{1000}$ of a grain; the beam is divided, and apparatus fixed for moving the sliding weight - | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| 12. Balance with a beam 10 inches long, of an improved construction, on a stand with double column: to carry 30 grains in each pan, and turn with $\frac{1}{1000}$ of a grain; the beam is divided, and apparatus fixed for moving sliding weight; plate glass for the bottom of the case | 25 | 0 | 0 |

BALANCES FOR WEIGHING BULLION, &c.

	£	s.	d.
13. Balance with 24-inch beam, to carry 300 ounces in each pan, and turn when loaded with $\frac{1}{10}$ of a grain - -	31	10	0
Glass case for ditto - - - - -	9	9	0
14. Balance with a beam 3 feet long, to carry 1000 ounces in each pan, and turn when loaded with $\frac{3}{10}$ of a grain -	60	0	0
15. Balance with a beam 4 feet long, to carry 2000 ounces in each pan, and turn when loaded with $\frac{1}{2}$ grain -	80	0	0

GRAIN WEIGHTS IN MAHOGANY BOXES.

Set containing the following Weights:—10,000, 6000, 3000, 2000, 1000, 600, 300, 200, 100, 60, 30, 20, 10, 6, 3, 2, 1, .6, .3, .2, .1, .06, .03, .02, .01				-	-	-	3	12	0
Set of 6000 grains to $\frac{1}{100}$ grain	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	0
„ 1000 „ $\frac{1}{100}$ „	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	15	0
„ 600 „ $\frac{1}{100}$ „	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	0
„ 10,000 „ 1000 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	0

GRAMME WEIGHTS IN MAHOGANY BOXES.

Set of 1 kilogramme to 1 milligramme	-	-	-	-	3	15	0
„ 500 grammes to 1 milligramme	-	-	-	-	3	3	0
„ 1 kilogramme to 100 grammes	-	-	-	-	2	10	0
„ 50 grammes to 1 milligramme	-	-	-	-	1	15	0
„ 1 gramme and its subdivisions in 1000 parts, in platina, for the assaying of SILVER	-	-	-	-	1	10	0
„ $\frac{1}{2}$ gramme and its subdivisions in 1000 parts, in platina, for the assaying of GOLD	-	-	-	-	1	10	0
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„ Troy-weights from 10 ounces down to $\frac{1}{1000}$ of an ounce, in box	-	-	-	-	3	3	0
„ Weights of 100, 50, 40, 30, 20 ounces	-	-	-	-	5	5	0
A single weight of 200 ounces	-	-	-	-	2	2	0
„ „ 300 „	-	-	-	-	3	3	0
„ „ 400 „	-	-	-	-	4	4	0
„ „ 500 „	-	-	-	-	5	5	0

EVERY KIND OF PHILOSOPHICAL APPARATUS MADE TO ORDER.

12. Store Street. Bedford Square.

London 11. Septbr 1857.

Sir

I have enclosed a lithographed sheet of my balances, the numbers of it corresponding with the numbers of the list. Besides the assay-balances allow me to call your attention to the balances for weighing bullion; they are made of three different sizes, represented by the lithograph in the centre of the sheet. - With many thanks for past favors

I remain

Sir

Yours Obediently
Ludwig Berthling.

J. R. Snowden Esq

Secretary of U. S. Mint.

New-York, Nov 2 1857

Sir

Your letter of the 31st ult^o is rec^d, also gold coins by The Adams Express Co for balance of invoice # 145. \$ 33,496.15 and on ac of # 148. \$ 235,000. In all \$ 268,496.05

I find upon examining the original statement of weights, Invoice No 152. That of # 1609 should be 893.38 and # 1612. 896.35 nearly corresponding with your report.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas^r U.S. Mint

Very Resp^t Yours

Wm J. Ellis
Treasurer

P.S. I enclose receipt & statement of seven boxes gold bullion, weighing 18755.08 oz gross. Net value \$ 382,628.24 for which I will thank you to remit double eagles in payment.

From J. J. Cescio, Treas

Washington

Recd

3 Nov '07

To Sec Treasury

December 1867

Monthly count and
examination

Nov. 2. 1857-

Nov. 2, 7.

Sir,

The usual monthly count and examination made at the Mint at the close of business on the 31st ult^o exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer, viz:

In Gold coin	\$205,299.07
In Silver coin	317,531.34
Cents	11.70
Ordinary Fund	1,813.54
Repair Fund	10.12
bal ^o Br. Mint Fund	28.26
Total	<u>\$524,694.03</u>

Which was found to agree with the balances as stated upon the books of account in his Office.

The balance in the hands of the ~~Asst. Treasurer~~
of the U. S. at the same time was \$5,321,24.
in gold and silver coin, corresponding with that
Officers books of account.

An examination into the condition of
the Mint generally gave satisfactory evidence that
the business of the institution is conducted
with fidelity and care, and a proper attention
alike to the interests of the government and
the public.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
Samuel Roschen
Director of the Mint.

Howe Howell Cobb.
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington.

Do you consider the bank absolutely solvent both in having collectible assets sufficient to pay depositors and other creditors and in its ability to meet maturing and the usual demands in the ordinary course?

If the bank is in weakened or extended condition, did you ascertain as to the possible sources of aid from shareholding interests or other connections and confer with directors about obtaining such aid?

Was a meeting had with the board of directors and all matters subject to criticism considered with them? Give names of directors and officers with whom you discussed conditions.

Did you leave a letter as instructed for the directors to sign?

What powers, if any, has the bank been authorized to exercise under Section 11k of the Federal Reserve Act? If any exercised, submit report on Form 1425-D-E-F.

GENERAL REMARKS.

(Include here criticisms and reasons therefor which the examiner does not deem advisable to state in the report proper.)

Examiner.

Chief Examiner.

To the COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY,

Washington, D. C.

NOTE 1.—The examiner should discuss all unsatisfactory conditions with the directors, if possible, and minor matters with officers, and endeavor to have them corrected while he is in the bank, or obtain definite promises which, if sufficiently important, should be set out in a letter addressed to this office by the directors.

NOTE 2.—Copies of all important letters written by this office to the bank will be forwarded to the examiner, who should see that the originals and the bank's reply are noted on the minutes, where all directors will have the opportunity of being cognizant of them.

No. 153.

Twenty five Bars of Fine Gold
transmitted to the U.S. Mint, for Coinage,
in pursuance of the Act of March 1855,
by John J. Cisco, Treasurer of the U.S.
Assay Office, New York.

1857.
Nov. 2. Seven Boxes #67@73, containing

75 Bars weighing ^{ounces dec} 18755.08 @

4768.75 @ 99 1/2

13986.33 @ 99 1/2

20,669.616 Stand. gr. = \$ 384,551.00
(Deduct for Coinage, 1,922.76

Net Value, \$ 382,628.24

No. 153

Rec^d. Chebeler 3rd 37

U.S.A., O., N., York

God. 382, 628.24

Dec 14. 7.

Sir.

Enclosed please find a
Statement of the amount, and denomina-
tion, of coins in the Treasury of the Mint
and the condition of the bullion fund at
the close of business to-day.

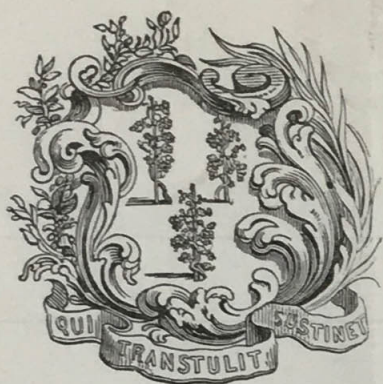
I have the honor to be,
With great respect.

Your faithful servant,
Samuel R. Anderson
Director of the Mint

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1857 / NOVEMBER

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1857/DECEMBER



State Library of Connecticut;

Hartford, December 8th 1857.

Hon: J. Ross Snowden,
Dear Sir

I am desirous of learning in what years the Half Cents have been coined, and know no other source whence I can procure the wished for information than from headquarters - and though I presume your time is fully occupied with more important business, I have ventured to trespass on your courtesy -

I have in my collection $\frac{1}{2}$ cents of the following years, 1793, '95, 1800, '03, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '25, '26, '28, '32, '33, '34, '35, '53, '57 - - the first, 1793, and the last, 1857, being the limits of the coinage of the Copper cent - ~~these~~ were they struck in every year that the cent was coined? - for quite a number of years, viz from 1810 to 1825, I have seen no specimens at all - from 1803 to 1809 ^{there} seem to have been a good many issued, since those dates are most common - - in what part of the country have they circulated? I have never seen one passed. - Could I obtain from the mint specimens of any of the more recent issues of these coins? - I suppose that after the present year they are not to be struck -

I have the honor to be very respectfully, Yours &c
Charles J. Hoadley

From
Charles J Hooley
Hampden
Cone

As to postage
of 1/2 cent

Dec 11. 1837

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Dec 7. 7.

F. A. Brown Esq. Treasurer,

Connecticut State Agricultural Society.
% Medals Fund U. S. Mint D^r.

For Ten Gold medals @	12	\$120.00
For Twenty Silver " "	3.50	70.00
		<u>\$190.00</u>

Received Payment

Samuel R. Chandler
Director of the Mint.

Dear Sir:

Above please find bill for 10 gold and 20
Silver medals, for Your Society, forwarded to You to-
day, per Adams Express Co. to whom you will
please pay the above bill, and oblige

Very respectfully,

Samuel R. Chandler
Director of the Mint.

F. A. Brown Esq.
Treas. Conn. St. Agr. Soc.
Hartford, Conn.

To J. A. Brown Esq
Hartford Conn.

Enclosing Bill for
Medals for Conn St. Agrl.
Soc. request payment
through Adams Express
Co.

Dec. 7. 1857

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Dec 5, 7.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a statement
of the amount and denomination of coins
in the Treasury of the Mint, and the condi-
tion of the bullion fund, at the close of
business to-day.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,

Samuel A. B. Mendenhall
Director of the Mint.

Hon Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia,

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To. Sec Treasury

Inclosing com and
bulletin statement

Dec 5. 1837.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 5. 1857

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th, also by The Adams Express Company of One Hundred Thousand dollars in gold coins on a/c of invoice N^o 160.

Very Respectfully

D. Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint

Wm J. C. C. Co
Treasurer

P.S. I return by the Adams Express Company 312 Empty bags.

Office, New York
Bureau of the Army

Army

Mr. J. Cisco, Fresh
New York

Recd.

7 Dec '57

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Dec 5, 1857.

It being represented to me by the Chief Coiner that the practice in use of delivering individual, or separate planchets of gold and silver, to Dr. Barclay, for his experiments, tends to a confusion in his accounts, and is in other respects, inconvenient, I recommend that one or more ingots of sufficient size be prepared and specially delivered to the chief coiner to be used for the experiments of Dr. Barclay.

The plan of keeping the accounts, as suggested by the chief coiner, and concurred in by the Treasurer, is hereby approved, and may be carried into effect.

James Ross Anderson
Director of the Mint

To, Geo R. Chiles
Chief Coiner,
+ Dr. Sturgeon, Treasurer
U.S. Mint

From

The Director

Rec'd

Dec 5/07

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

2-16156

Watbury Conn Dec 5th 1857

Mr. James Pop Shrodon Director
United States Mint

Dr. Sir

The Three
Thousand Dollars in gold was delivered to us on
Friday the 4th inst.

The chilled Iron Rolls we expect
to send you the middle of this month at the farthest
and most likely they will be ready to send at an
earlier day.

Yours &c

Blake & Johnson
C. N. Stevens Sup.

From

Messrs Blake & Johnson
Watbury
Conn.

As to cast iron rolls

Dec 7. 1857

It being represented to me by
 by the Chief Comr that the
 practice in use of delivering
 individuals, on separate, placards
 of gold and silver to Dr. Barclay,
 for his experiments, leads to a
 confusion in his accounts,
 and is, in other respects, inconve-
 nient, I recommend that one
 or more ingots of sufficient
 size be prepared and finally
 delivered to the Chief Comr
 to be used for the experiments
 of Dr. Barclay.

The plan of keeping the accounts,
 as suggested by the Chief Comr,
 and concurred in by the Treasurer,

is hereby approved, and may
be carried into effect.

Samuel Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

~~By the~~
W. Geo. K. Childs
Chief Coiner
& D. Surgeon,
Masters,
U. S. Mint,

To. The Chief Clerk &
Treasurer of the
Unit.

Instructions as to
delivery of bullion to
Dr Barclay and
accounting therefor.

Dec 5, 1837

To

Mr. Danl. Sturgeon
Treasurer of the Mint

Instructions in relation
to payment of gold deposits

Dec 4. 1837-

March 29 2

The Government has found it necessary to
suspend the present system of payment of the
paymaster of the troops & to make
in favor of the Treasury of the United States,
has determined to continue to the extent
of the amount of the collection from the
Layoffs in 1864, to make a provision
that the balance, if it is possible, may be
used for the maintenance of the
Government, I repeat to say, that our
system of prompt payment is now as
the balance of the present collection is determined
by other, much to the disadvantage of
the Treasury to request that your bill
without delay to the provision contained
in the 10th section of the present must
have retroactive effect, but the payment
shall be made, if possible, in the
order in which the collection shall have been
brought to the Dept. Giving nothing
thing to printing of drafts only? You
will say no apply to your bill to the
department to the payment of drafts in

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report 2-16156

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 14. 1857

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of \$61,171.42 in gold & silver coins, by the Adams Express Company, in payment for invoice N^o 162, as advised in your letter of the 3^d inst.

I also enclose shipping receipt for twenty eight empty kegs.

Very Respectfully

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer Mint

Wm. J. C. W. Esq
Treasurer

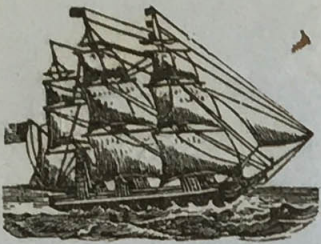
From

J. J. Cisco, Mayor

New York

Recd

Dec 5/57



Chatterton & Brother, Printers.

HAND'S LINE.

SOUTHERN AND EASTERN PACKET OFFICE,
HERRICK BUILDING,

23 SOUTH STREET, cor. Coenties Slip.

CONTENTS AND CONDITIONS UNKNOWN
TO SIGNERS.

New-York,

Dec 11th 1859

Received in good order from

on board the

S. J. Cisco
Sh. Grace Girdle Parag Master,

the following Packages, viz.:

Twenty Eight Empty Cys
on deck

which I promise to deliver in

Philadelphia in the order

received (dangers of navigation, and other unavoidable accidents excepted,) unto

W. S. Hunt he or they paying freight for the same.

Four cts per Cys

For Captain.

J. H. Hunt

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, December 4th 1857

Not

The Government has found it necessary to reduce the gold bullion fund in the Mint. The payment of the transfer draft to day in favor of the Treasurer of the United States, has reduced the balance to the credit of the fund of the bullion fund as was payable in gold, to the sum of \$81,237.44 and this balance, it is probable may be still further diminished. Under these circumstances, I regret to say, that our system of prompt payment as soon as the value of the gold bullion is determined by assay, must be discontinued. I have therefore to request that you will adhere strictly to the provision contained in the 30th section of the general mint law which requires that "the payments shall be made, if demanded, in the order in which the bullions shall have been brought to the Mint, giving priority according to priority of deposits only." You will therefore apply all gold coin hereafter received to the payment of deposits in

the order of numbers. If debtors do not
call for, on demand, the amounts due to them
you may apply the coin to the liquidation
of subsequent debts; reserving however
such an amount as your experience may
suggest, to meet possible Contingent demands
on the part of persons so entitled to priority.

These directions will be subject to such modi-
fications, or alterations, as we may hereafter
find it expedient to make.

I am, very Respectfully
Yours ob^t. servant,

Samuel Roemer
Director of the Mint.

Dr. Daniel Sturgeon,
Treasurer of the Mint, }

From

The Directors

Recd

Dec 4/57

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 4th 1857

Sir

In reply to the P.S. in your letter of the 3^d I will state that I have a superabundance of gold dollars, and I shall have to await the manufacture of larger coins.

As the Treasury draft for \$500,000, has to be provided for (the Department being urgent for its immediate payment) and depositors are daily inquiring when payment can be made to them, I will thank you to inform me at what time I may expect remittances from you, and the amount.

Very Respectfully,

D. Sturgison Esq
Trans U S Mint

Wm. J. C. Waco
Treasurer

From

J. J. Cusick, Pres
New York

Recd

Dec 5/87

Washington Dec 4th 1857

Dear Sir

On my way to this City
I called at the Mint but found
You were absent in the country.

I have a little business
with some big men here, and
would be most happy if You would
give me a letter of introduction
to Judge Black with whom I
presume You are well acquainted,
and I assure You it will be duly
appreciated.

The City is filling up rapidly
and soon the great caldron will begin
to boil - Kansas of course will
be first in the hands of the Coopers

Kind regards to Mrs Knowlton
Yours truly and truly
W. W. Woodruff

From
W. W. Dobbin Esq
Washington City

Desires letter of
introduction to
Hon L. Black

Dec 5. 1857—

Form 23A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

2-16156

DECEMBER 4TH 1857

Dec: 4th

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Sir,

In Compliance with a Communication
I have received from the Secretary of the
Treasury I have to request that you will
please inform the Treasurer of the Army Office
that it is the desire of the Department
that he should "make his daily statement
of the Condition of the Bullion fund in the
same form, as those tendered by the Director
of the Mint."

Herewith I enclose a copy of the
form referred to.

I am, very Respectfully
your obt. servant,
Saml. R. Sedgwick,
Director of the Mint.

Saml. J. Butterworth Esq:
Superintendent,
Army Office,
New York.

Form 23A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

A. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 3^d 1857

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of
the 2nd inst. also by the Adams Express Company
of \$44645.14 in Silver coins, in payment for
invoice N^o 158.

Very Respectfully

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas^r U. S. Mint

Wm. J. Esco
Treasurer

Office of the Secretary of the Navy

Department of the Navy

From 15

J. J. Cisco, Jr
New York

Rec'd
Dec 4/57

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 3rd 1857

Sir

As per receipt and statement enclosed I have this day forwarded by the Adams Express Company five boxes of gold bullion, weighing 14684.31 ozs net value \$ 299,868.62 for which I will thank you to remit double eagles

Very Respectfully

D Sturgis Esq
Treas^r Mint

Wm J Cisco
Treasurer

No. 115 Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

5 Boxes containing 14684.31 ozs Gold Bullion,
" " " Silver "
Parcel " "

Amounting in Net value to \$299,868.62
Two hundred & ninety nine Thousand
Eight hundred & fifty eight ⁶²/₁₀₀
which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Dec 3 1857

Adams Express Co. *[Signature]*

From J. J. Cisco, Mayor
~~The Director~~
New York

Recd

Dec 4/57

Treasury of the United States
3 December 1857

Sir

For enclosed Transfer Draft N^o 4822 please
forward by Adams Express Compy. \$150.000 in
double Eagles \$30.000 in Quarter Eagles & \$50.000.
in Gold dollars. or as near in that proportion
as you can. (No \$3 pieces)

Very respectfully
Yours Obedt
Sam Casey,
Treasurer U. S.

150
30
50

230

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

36 180
50 50

86 230

From S. Casey, Treas
Washington

Rec'd

4 Dec '57

1000000

(1440) 2 - 3
60 2 - 3

Treasury Department,
December 3rd 1857.

Sir:

A draft has this day been issued on the Bullion fund in favor of the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia for \$230,000 in gold, leaving to the credit of that fund \$81,237.44 more than you request may be reserved. You will be pleased to urge the Coinage as rapidly as possible, of the Gold Bullion now on hand. It may become necessary in the course of a few days to withdraw it from the Mints and Assay Office, with the exception of the small amounts you recommend to be reserved. Be pleased to instruct the Treasurer of the Assay Office to make his daily statement of the condition of the bullion fund in the same form as those rendered by the Treasurer of the Mint.

I am very respectfully
Wm. Cobb

Secretary of the Treasury

J R Snowden Esq
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

(over)

From & To
Sec. Treasury

Withdrawal of the
Queen Fund

Enclm Copy of
My letter of 24th
Nov.

Dec 4. 1837—

Office Bankers' Magazine and Statistical Register,

New-York, 162 Pearl-street,

Dec. 3 1857.

J. Ross Swarden Esq

Dear Sir,

In preparing a work
on currency &c. I have arrived
at the word "Tunny", to which I beg
leave to call your attention.

Perhaps you will allow one of
your clerks to test the accuracy
of such portions as refer to the
U. S. Mint.

As soon as your Annual Report
is ready I should be glad to have a
printed copy for publication.

With respect
Yrs &c J. Smith Homans

IMPORTANT BANKING DOCUMENTS,

FOR THE USE OF

BANK OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, CLERKS, &c.,

Contained in the Current volume of the Bankers' Magazine, July, 1854—June, 1855.

1. Historical Review of Banking in Massachusetts, Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois. 2. Annual Report of the Bank Commissioners of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Illinois.

RAILROADS.—1. Frauds on Railroad Companies, with Suggestions for the Prevention of Fraudulent Issues of Stock. 2. Opinions of C. P. Kirkland, W. Curtis Goyes, N. C. Bronson, Charles O'Connor, Daniel Lord, on the Illegal Transfer of Shares. [These opinions upon "Agency" apply as well to Bank Shares as to others.] 3. British Railroads. 4. Stock of New and Prominent Railroads of the West.

THE USURY LAWS.—1. Usury in the Olden Times. 2. Remarks of the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the Repeal of. 3. Operation of the Usury Laws in the United States. 4. Report of the New-York Chamber of Commerce. 5. Chronological Sketch of the Changes in the Usury Laws from 505 B. C. to A. D. 1854. 6. Report of the New-York State Senate Committee on the Usury Laws. 7. Debate in the House of Lords. 8. Usury Laws of each State.

CITIES OF THE UNITED STATES.—1. Summary of the Public Debt of each. 2. Sacramento City. 3. Bank Capital of each.

STATE FINANCES.—1. Iowa. 2. Pennsylvania. 3. Illinois. 4. Louisiana. 5. California. 6. North Carolina. 7. Texas. 8. Indiana. 9. Wisconsin. 10. Michigan. 11. Virginia.

CASHIERS IN THE UNITED STATES.—Alphabetical List of.

FRAUDULENT BILLS OF EXCHANGE.—Full Report of the Case of Ellis & Morton vs. Ohio Life and Trust Company; with Summary of English and American Cases.

SAVINGS BANKS.—1. New-York City: origin of each; amount on deposit; investment of funds; amount on bond and mortgage. 2. Massachusetts. 3. Connecticut.

NOTICE OF PROTEST.—Approved Forms of.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.—1. Analysis of its Banking Department—Issue Department—Bullion Operations. 2. Operations of 1845-1754. Dividends and Stock of 1697-1854. 4. Remarks on the new Notes of the.

THE BANK OF FRANCE.—Operations of the, for the past six years.

COINS, COINAGE, AND BULLION.—Review of the Coinage of the whole World for each year, 1843-1853. 2. Report on Decimal Coinage for Great Britain. 3. Description of the San Francisco Mint. 4. The United States Assay Office in New-York. 5. Relative Value of Foreign Coins. 6. Special Report of Professor Wilson on the New-York Industrial Exhibition. 7. The Relative Value of Gold and Silver, by Dr. Michelsen. 8. Uses and Consumption of Gold and Silver in the Arts.

LIFE INSURANCE.—1. Parliamentary Inquiry on the Subject of Life Insurance Associations. 2. Comparative Value of Savings Banks and Life Insurance Companies.

DEBT AND CREDIT IN FRANCE.—Restriction of Credit in France; Billets de Banque; Bill Brokers in Paris; Imprisonment for Debt in Paris and London.

BANK STATISTICS.—1. New-York State, New-York City, Massachusetts, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Wisconsin, New-Orleans, New-Jersey. 2. Annual Report of the Treasury on the Banks of the United States. 3. Bank Capital of every Town and City in the United States.

EUROPEAN STATES.—1. Statistics and Finances of Russia. 2. Public Debt of Spain. 3. Great Britain. 4. France. 5. Turkey. 6. New French Loan.

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J. SMITH HOMANS, 162 Pearl Street, N. Y.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 2nd 1857

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. also by the Adams Express Company of Eighteen Thousand, two hundred & seventy four ²⁵ dollars, in payment for invoice N^o 157.

The draft for \$500,000. of which I advised you in my letter of yesterday, has arrived. I have stated my dependance upon your remittances, for the means of satisfying it. The bullion fund of this Office, will be brought to the same condition as that of the Mint, so soon as the amount now in your hands is transmitted.

I notice your remarks in regard to priority claims of depositors; fully recognising that principle, I would ask if sufficient time has not elapsed for the payment of balance of invoice N^o 160. Transmitted on the 19th amounting to \$184,726.34 and soon after the amount of \$171,026.91 transmitted on the 20th

David Steingard Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint

Very Respectfully,
J. M. J. C. W. Treas.

From

J. J. Cisco, Mayor

New York

Recd {
3 Dec '57 }

Treasury Department
Dec. 2. 1857.

Sir

I enclose a draft on the
Mint in favor of the Depository at Pittsburg
made payable to Adams Express Co. for \$50.000.
which please cause to be forwarded in half
quarter dollars.

I am very Resp^t
Wm. Lobb
Sec of the Treasury.

Wm. L. Sturgeon Esq.
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia.

From

Hon. H. Cobb

Sec. of Treas
Washington

Recd

Dec 3/57

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To Sec Treasury

Enclosing Com & Bulletin
Statement

Dec 2, 1837-

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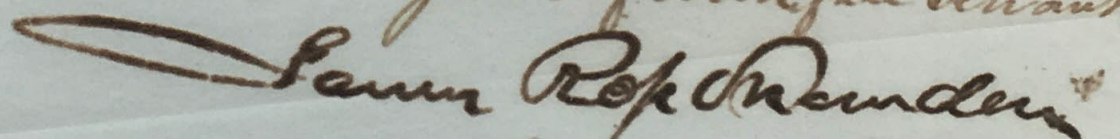
Sir,

Enclosed please find a statement
of the amount, and denomination, of coins in the
Treasury of the Mint, and the condition of the
bullion fund, at the close of business to-day.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,


Saml R. Anderson
Director of the Mint.

Sir. Howell Cobb,

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington City.

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

The Magnetic Telegraph Company,

MORSE LINE,

BETWEEN

New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington & New Orleans,

Connecting with the Southern, Western, Eastern and Northern Lines of Morse's Telegraph

TO THE TELEGRAPHING PUBLIC.

Please write plainly; answer quickly; PRE-PAY; use no figures except dates—they cost more; give name, street, and number of the party addressed, to insure prompt delivery; also, your own address under your signature; no charge for address and signature. The above is for your safety as well as our convenience.

OFFICE IN PHILADELPHIA—302 Chesnut Street, two doors above Third.

Offices in NEW YORK.....No. 43 Wall Street, 181 Broadway, and La Farge House.

“ WILMINGTON.....Telegraph Building, N. E. Corner of Third and Market Sts.

“ BALTIMORE.....Sun Iron Building, Corner of Baltimore and South Streets.

“ WASHINGTON.....National Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue, Corner of Sixth Street.

“ NEW ORLEANS.....Under St. Charles Hotel.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Dated *New York Dec 1* 1857

Rec'd, Phila., *2 25* 1857 o'clock, min. M.

To *D. Sturgeon Esq*

Treas U.S. Mint

*A draft for five
hundred thousand dollars
has been drawn against
the trillion fund which
I am unable to meet
without a remittance of
the amount due from
you Can you send today
John F. Cisco
33/66 Treas
ac*

From

J. J. Cisco, Treas

New York

Recd

Dec 1/57

BY TELEGRAPH.

1857

Dated

M.

min

o'clock,

1857

Dec 6, Phila.,

To

No. 1563 $734.80 \overset{m}{|} 878$ | $716.84 \cdot 878.13$

Albany Dec 1/857

Mr Samuel Surgeon

Dear Sir

The Silver has come to hand - but I find it does not hold out as I expected - and from previous assays as I might suppose it would - Will you please enlighten me on one or two points? - In the printed Quotations of the Mint's buying prices, Old Am Silver is held @ \$1.22 $\frac{1}{2}$ per oz. a person would naturally suppose you bought the Coin and paid 1.22 $\frac{1}{2}$ for it, but in the memorandum sent with silver your weight is 735.54, instead of 736.54 then you say "after melting" 734.80. Now can you melt even the coin without any waste? If so why the difference - if not why in the Quotations is the price placed at the figures it is. If you say it was on account of the Bars being in, then there was no need to melt the coin to assay the Bars by, the Bars according to our assay was worth at least \$1.20 per oz.

There was in the lot 400 oz of Coin (only 100 of which was smooth.) the rest being in Holes Drs. V. Frances some of them above standard, and 336.10 in Bars about half of which was good old silver such as spoons & the like - and the balance Filings which had been

From
S. D. Brower

Albany NY

Recd
Dec 3/57

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 1. 1857

Sir

I herewith transmit receipt and statement of five boxes gold button, weighing gross 14443.06 ozs, net value \$ 294,398.18 for which I will thank you to remit double eagles.

I advised you by Telegraph this morning, of a further draft of \$ 500,000. against the Button fund, and my inability to meet the same, without a remittance of the amount due from you.

The present state of the Button fund renders it impossible for me to satisfy depositors within the usual period: and to do so without unnecessary delay, I must rely solely upon prompt remittances from you, for button transmitted for coinage.

Very Respectfully

Daniel Strong Esq
Treas' U S Mint

Wm J. C. Bco
Treasurer

No. 1671

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

5 Boxes containing 14443.06 oz Gold Bullion,

" " " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to \$294,398.08

Two Hundred Ninety Four, Thousand, Three
Hundred Ninety eight ⁸ Dollarswhich we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Dec 1 1857

Adams Express Co

J. P. Hoover

From

J. J. Cisco, Treas

New York

Recd

2 Dec 1857

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Dec 1. 1857.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 24th ult. enclosing a design for the reverse of the double-Eagle piece was duly received.

I have ^{carefully} examined the design in question, with a view to its adaptation; and while I think well of the spirit and intention expressed by it; there are some points which would require a change; as for instance;

To The Sec Treasury

Armed Corps &
Examination

Box - 1. 1 B-7

December. 7.

Sir,

The usual monthly count and examination made at the Mint at the close of business on the 30th ult^o exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer,

viz:

In Gold Coin	\$265,975.95
In Silver Coin	303,353.40
In Cents	7.49
Ordinary Fund	29,737.83
Repair Fund	10.12
Cal ^d . Br. Mint Fund	3,028.26
Total	<u>\$602,113.05</u>

Which was found to agree with the balances as stated upon the books of account in his Office.

The balance in the hands of the
Asst. Treasurer of the U. S. at the same time
was \$477.008.57, in gold and silver coin,
corresponding with that Officer's books of account.

An examination into the condition of
the Mint generally, gave satisfactory evidence
that the business of the institution is conducted
with fidelity and care, and a proper attention
alike to the interests of the government and the
public.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
Samuel R. Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb.
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

No. of Bank

Date of Report

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1857/DECEMBER

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1858/JANUARY

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Barrow Ill
Jan 31 1879
To James Pollock
Supt. US Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Sir:

I have this day received
your private check for \$32.00
the net value, after melting and
assay, of \$4.50 in burnt US
gold coin which I sent you
by Reg. Letter Mail on the 20th
of January last, the same not
by a regular deposit, but the
value having been ascertained
and amount sent by you as a
personal accommodation to me

Yours Resf

W A Thompson

W. A. Thompson
Barrow Ali

Jan 31 / 79

Special Receipt
for \$32, not proceeds
of \$44. burnt gold
coin.

[See Letter Book
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J. Ross Snowden, Esq. US Mint, Chief Coiners Office,
Director of the US Mint, Philadelphia, January 30. 1858
Philadelphia -
Dear Sir:

I respectfully beg leave to report that the duties of the operatives in the Rolling, Cutting, Whitening, Coining, and other departments, under my immediate charge, have been performed, during this month, with their usual care and despatch.

I have called the attention of Mr Wm Snyder to the adjusting and examining of the Weights and Scales, connected with the various departments, used and tested on assay day, by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose.

I am compelled to report that Mr Daniel Larkney has been absent for weeks at a time, and no cause assigned for it by him. An enquiry I learn that it has been the result of dissipation, which is proving very detrimental to the good rules and regulations established by you in the Mint; so much so that the workmen are becoming disgusted with his course. In accordance with Mr Charles Tolson, Chief Engineer's, request I respectfully invite your attention to the propriety of ordering a new belt for the large engine; it will

take three or four months to manufacture one, the
one now in use has been running for three or
four years, and is much worn. It may at any
time, give out, and would very much retard our
operations, as when once broken it cannot be repaired.
If it meets your approval, I will commence taking
down, and rebuilding, the annealing furnace, in the
course of next week.

Respectfully submitted by
Your obedient servant

Geo T. Chiles
Chief Engineer.

of
Tom Chas Comin
W.C. Smith

January Report
1858-59

Feb. 1. 1858.

(Duplicate)

Philadelphia Jan 31. 1858
U.S. Mint

To Adams Express Co. Dr
For Transportation of Silver Bullion

1858

Jan 7	8	From Assay Office N. York	\$33,441 ⁴¹ / ₁₀₀	@ $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb	\$ 50.17
"	12	To Sp ^r Treas - N. York	2824 ⁴⁸ / ₁₀₀	" "	4.24
"	18	To U.S. Treas Washington	90.00	" 2 ²⁵ / ₁₀₀	202.50
"	22	From Assay Office N. York	28,334 ⁸⁰ / ₁₀₀	" 1 ⁵⁰ / ₁₀₀	42.50
"	25	To S.I. Cisco Do	28,334 ⁰² / ₁₀₀	" 1 ⁵⁰ / ₁₀₀	42.50
"	26	From Do Do	20,476 ²⁵ / ₁₀₀	" 1 ⁵⁰ / ₁₀₀	30.71
"	27	To U.S. Treas Washington	110.00	" 2 ²⁵ / ₁₀₀	247.50
"	29	To Do Do	25.00	" 2 ²⁵ / ₁₀₀	56.25
"	"	To S.I. Cisco Treas N. York	20,476 ²⁵ / ₁₀₀	" 1 ⁵⁰ / ₁₀₀	30.71
"	30	To U.S. Treas Washington	20.00	" 2 ²⁵ / ₁₀₀	45.00
					\$ 752.08

Received Payment

(Duplicate)

Correct:

A. Patterson

Treas^r & Co.

Adams Express Co

per R. R. McCarty

Sup't

#752.08

JAN. 30 - 1858

To, Sec Treasury

Enclosing coin and
Bullion statement

Jan 29. 1858.

Mint of the United States.
Phil^a. Jan. 29. 1859.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a statement
of the amount, and denomination, of coins in
the Treasury of the Mint, and the condition of
the bullion fund at the close of business
to-day.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
Samuel R. Anderson.
Director of the Mint.

Hon Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City,
D.C.

JAN. 30 - 1855

To Sec Treasury

Enclosing Monthly
Report

Invd 30. 1858.

Correspondence
U. S. Mint

January - 1858.

Jan 30, 8.

Sir,

The enclosed statement exhibits
the Deposits and Coinage at the Mint during
the month ending to-day.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant
Samuel R. Bowdler
Director of the Mint

Hon Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

JAN. 30 - 1858

To. Sec Treasury

Enclosing coin
and Bullion statements

Jan 30. 1858.

Jan 30. 8.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a statement
of the amount, and denomination, of coins
in the Treasury of the Mint, and the
condition of the Bullion fund at the close
of business to-day.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James A. R. Snowden
Director of the Mint

Wm Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Express Receipt

1858

Office of The Adams Express Company:

EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

Philadelphia April 24 1858

Received from Director W. S. Miner the
undermentioned, Box to be forwarded to
Supt Branch Miner at Charlotte N. C.

It is part of the consideration of this contract and it is agreed that the said Express Company ARE FORWARDERS ONLY, and are not to be responsible for any loss or damage while being conveyed by the CARRIERS or AGENTS, to whom said property may be by said Express Company entrusted, or arising from the dangers of Railroads, Ocean or River Navigation, Steam, Fire in Stores, Depots, or in Transit, Leakage, Breakage, or from any cause whatever, unless, in every case, the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of said Express Company or their servants, nor in any event, beyond the sum of FIFTY DOLLARS at which the article carried is hereby valued, unless otherwise herein expressed, nor liable for any damage to GLASS, or any FRAGILE articles, unless herein specially insured. And if the same is entrusted or delivered to any other Express Company or Agent, (which said Adams Express Company are hereby authorised to do,) such company or person so selected shall be regarded exclusively as the agent of the depositor, and as such alone liable, and the Adams Express Company shall not be in any event responsible for the negligence or non-performance of any such company or person, nor in any event shall said Express Company be liable for any loss or damage unless the claim therefor shall be presented to them in writing at their said office, within thirty days after the time when said property has, or ought to have been delivered.

FREIGHT.

MARK.

ARTICLE.

Supt Branch Miner

One Box

Charlotte N. C.

For the Proprietors,

Geo. C. Thompson

Office of The Adams Express Company:

EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

Philadelphia April 24 1858

Received from Director U. S. Mint the
undermentioned, 1 Bag to be forwarded to
Mr. J. Wells at Grand Rapids Mich

It is part of the consideration of this contract and it is agreed that the said Express Company ARE FORWARDERS ONLY, and are not to be responsible for any loss or damage while being conveyed by the CARRIERS or AGENTS, to whom said property may be by said Express Company entrusted, or arising from the dangers of Railroads, Ocean or River Navigation, Steam, Fire in Stores, Depots, or in Transit, Leakage, Breakage, or from any cause whatever, unless, in every case, the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of said Express Company or their servants, nor in any event, beyond the sum of FIFTY DOLLARS at which the article carried is hereby valued, unless otherwise herein expressed, nor liable for any damage to GLASS, or any FRAGILE articles, unless herein specially insured. And if the same is entrusted or delivered to any other Express Company or Agent, (which said Adams Express Company are hereby authorised to do,) such company or person so selected shall be regarded exclusively as the agent of the depositor, and as such alone liable, and the Adams Express Company shall not be in any event responsible for the negligence or non-performance of any such company or person, nor in any event shall said Express Company be liable for any loss or damage unless the claim therefor shall be presented to them in writing at their said office, within thirty days after the time when said property has, or ought to have been delivered.

FREIGHT.

MARK.

ARTICLE.

Mr. J. Wells
Grand Rapids
Mich

One Bag Cents
Fifty Dollars

For the Proprietors,

Geo. Thompson

Philadelphia, 1858

Office of The Adams Express Company

EXPRESS FORWARDERS

Philadelphia April 29 1858

Received from *Wm. J. Miller* the sum of *100* Dollars to be forwarded to *Wm. J. Miller*

It is part of the consideration of this contract and it is agreed that the said Express Company are not to be responsible for any loss or damage while being conveyed by the CARRIERS or AGENTS, to whom said property may be by said Express Company entrusted, or arising from the dangers of Railroads, Ocean or River Navigation, Steam, Fire in Stores, Depots, or in Transit, Leakage, Breakage, or from any cause whatever, unless, in every case, the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of said Express Company or their servants, nor in any event, beyond the sum of FIFTY DOLLARS which the article carried is hereby valued, unless otherwise herein expressed, nor liable for any damage to GLASS, or any FRAGILE articles, unless herein specially provided for, and if the same is retained or delivered to any other person or company, or agent, the said Express Company are hereby authorized to do, such company or person so selected shall be regarded exclusively as the agent of the depositor, and as such alone liable, and the Adams Express Company shall not be in any event responsible for the negligence or non-performance of any such company or person, nor in any event shall said Express Company be liable for any loss or damage unless the claim therefor shall be presented to them in writing at their office, within thirty days after the time when said property has, or ought to have been delivered.

PAID

MADE BY ARTICLES

<i>Wm. J. Miller</i>	<i>Wm. J. Miller</i>
<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>

For the Proprietors,

April 29 1858

The Adams Express Company, No. 320 Chestnut Street, Philada.

Office of The Adams Express Company:

EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

Philadelphia March 4 1858

Received from Director of the Mint the
undermentioned, Box
Sup. Br. Mint at New Orleans. to be forwarded to

It is part of the consideration of this contract and it is agreed that the said Express Company ARE FORWARDERS ONLY, and are not to be responsible for any loss or damage while being conveyed by the CARRIERS or AGENTS, to whom said property may be by said Express Company entrusted, or arising from the dangers of Railroads, Ocean or River Navigation, Steam, Fire in Stores, Depots, or in Transit, Leakage, Breakage, or from any cause whatever, unless, in every case, the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of said Express Company or their servants, nor in any event, beyond the sum of FIFTY DOLLARS at which the article carried is hereby valued, unless otherwise herein expressed, nor liable for any damage to GLASS, or any FRAGILE articles, unless herein specially insured. And if the same is entrusted or delivered to any other Express Company or Agent, (which said Adams Express Company are hereby authorised to do,) such company or person so selected shall be regarded exclusively as the agent of the depositor, and as such alone liable, and the Adams Express Company shall not be in any event responsible for the negligence or non-performance of any such company or person, nor in any event shall said Express Company be liable for any loss or damage unless the claim therefor shall be presented to them in writing at their said office, within thirty days after the time when said property has, or ought to have been delivered.

FREIGHT.

MARK.

Sup. Branch Mint
New Orleans
La

ARTICLE.

One Box
Dis

For the Proprietors,

Govt. Thompson

For the Proprietors,

Wm. Adams
Wm. Adams
Wm. Adams

ARTICLE.

MARK.

Wm. Adams
Wm. Adams
Wm. Adams

FREIGHT.

It is part of the consideration of this contract and it is agreed that the said Express Company are not to be responsible for any loss or damage while being conveyed by the CARRIERS or AGENTS, to whom said property may be by said Express Company entrusted, or arising from the dangers of Railroads, Ocean or River Navigation, Steam, Fire in Stores, Depots, or in Transit, Leakage, Breakage, or from any cause whatever, unless in every case, the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of said Express Company or their servants, not in any event, beyond the loss of FIFTY DOLLARS which shall be carried in hereby valued, unless otherwise expressed, not liable for any damage to GLASS, or any FRAGILE articles, unless herein specially insured. And if the same is entrusted or delivered to any other Express Company or Agent (which said Adams Express Company are hereby authorized to do), such company or person so selected shall be regarded exclusively as the agent of the depositor, and as such alone liable, and the Adams Express Company shall not be in any event responsible for the negligence or non-performance of any such company or person, nor in any event shall said Express Company be liable for any loss or damage unless the claim therefor shall be presented to them in writing at their said office, within thirty days after the time when said property has, or ought to have been delivered.

It is further agreed that the said Express Company are not to be responsible for any loss or damage while being conveyed by the CARRIERS or AGENTS, to whom said property may be by said Express Company entrusted, or arising from the dangers of Railroads, Ocean or River Navigation, Steam, Fire in Stores, Depots, or in Transit, Leakage, Breakage, or from any cause whatever, unless in every case, the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of said Express Company or their servants, not in any event, beyond the loss of FIFTY DOLLARS which shall be carried in hereby valued, unless otherwise expressed, not liable for any damage to GLASS, or any FRAGILE articles, unless herein specially insured. And if the same is entrusted or delivered to any other Express Company or Agent (which said Adams Express Company are hereby authorized to do), such company or person so selected shall be regarded exclusively as the agent of the depositor, and as such alone liable, and the Adams Express Company shall not be in any event responsible for the negligence or non-performance of any such company or person, nor in any event shall said Express Company be liable for any loss or damage unless the claim therefor shall be presented to them in writing at their said office, within thirty days after the time when said property has, or ought to have been delivered.

Received from

Wm. Adams
Wm. Adams
Wm. Adams

EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

Office of The Adams Express Company.

Dec. 4. 1858

The Adams Express Company, No. 330 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

The Adams Express Company,

185

Charge for Freight
Silver for \$1000 -

New York —	1.50
Boston — — — —	3.00
Baltimore — — — —	1.50
Washington	2.25
Pittsburg	3.00
Norfolk —	4.00

Gold $\frac{1}{3}$ the above rates

New York. 50.
 Boston 1.00

Adams Express Co.

List of
charges on
transportation
of coin

Nov 20, 1838

The Adams Express Company, No. 320 Chestnut Street. Philada.

Office of The Adams Express Company:

EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

Philadelphia Jan 30 1858

Received from *Director of U. S. Mint* the
undermentioned, *Draft* to be forwarded to
Phoenix Bank at *New York for Col.*

It is part of the consideration of this contract and it is agreed that the said Express Company ARE FORWARDERS ONLY, and are not to be responsible for any loss or damage while being conveyed by the CARRIERS or AGENTS, to whom said property may be by said Express Company entrusted, or arising from the dangers of Railroads, Ocean or River Navigation, Steam, Fire in Stores, Depots, or in Transit, Leakage, Breakage, or from any cause whatever, unless, in every case, the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of said Express Company or their servants, nor in any event, beyond the sum of FIFTY DOLLARS at which the article carried is hereby valued, unless otherwise herein expressed, nor liable for any damage to GLASS, or any FRAGILE articles, unless herein specially insured. And if the same is entrusted or delivered to any other Express Company or Agent, (which said Adams Express Company are hereby authorised to do,) such company or person so selected shall be regarded exclusively as the agent of the depositor, and as such alone liable, and the Adams Express Company shall not be in any event responsible for the negligence or non-performance of any such company or person, nor in any event shall said Express Company be liable for any loss or damage unless the claim therefor shall be presented to them in writing at their said office, within thirty days after the time when said property has, or ought to have been delivered.

FREIGHT

Draft
MARK

ARTICLE.

State Bank of Wisconsin
on the Phoenix Bank
New York
\$200 - to be collected -

Proceeds to be Ret'd in
Gold

For the Proprietors,

Geo. C. Thompson

For the Proprietors,

Charles C. Thompson
General
Business Office

ARTICLE.

TO MAKE

FREIGHT

their said office, within thirty days after the time when said property has, or ought to have been delivered. In any event shall said Express Company be liable for any loss or damage unless the claim therefor shall be presented to them in writing at and the Adams Express Company shall not be in any event responsible for the negligence or non-performance of any such company or person, nor hereby authorized to do, such company or person so selected shall be regarded exclusively as the agent of the depositor, and as such alone liable, especially insured. And if the same is entrusted or delivered to any other Express Company or Agent (which said Adams Express Company are carried is hereby valued, unless otherwise herein expressed, nor liable for any damage to GLASS, or any FRAGILE articles, unless herein shown as otherwise said Adams Express Company or their agents, not in any event beyond the sum of FIFTY DOLLARS which the article in Transit, Leakage, Breakage, or from any cause whatever, unless, in every case, the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or said Adams Express Company entrusted, or arising from the dangers of Railroads, Ocean or River Navigation, Steam, Fire in Stores, Depots, or are not responsible for any loss or damage while being conveyed by the CARRIERS or AGENTS, to whom said property may be by part of the consideration of this contract and it is agreed that the said Express Company ARE FORWARDERS ONLY, and

to be forwarded to

the

Office of the Adams Express Company:

EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

Adams Express Co.
1/15/57

Adams Express Company, No. 380 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

PRINCIPAL OFFICES.

NEW-YORK, 59 Broadway.
 PHILADELPHIA, 116 Chestnut Street.
 BOSTON, 84 Washington Street.
 SAN FRANCISCO, 124 Montgomery Street.



No. 2083

FREEMAN & CO'S New-York & California EXPRESS.

PHILADELPHIA, *March 3* 185*8*

Received from *U. S. Mint* in apparent good order
 the following articles, marked as below, to be forwarded subject to the agreement now made
 to *San Francisco* only

IT IS AGREED, and is part of the consideration of this contract, that FREEMAN & CO. are not to be held responsible for any loss or damage, except as forwarders only, nor for any loss or damage by the dangers of railroad, ocean or river navigation, transit of Isthmus, leakage, breakage, fire, or from any cause whatever, unless the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross neglect of ourselves, our agents, or servants, and we in no event to be liable beyond our route, as herein receipted. Value under \$50, unless otherwise herein stated.

FREIGHT _____ lbs. at _____ cts. per pound, \$ *15.00*

INSURANCE _____

MARKS.

PACKAGES.

Ft.

In.

Supr U. S. Br Mint
San Francisco

One Box (Lvs)

For the Proprietors.

J. A. Wells

We Certify, that the
this Receipt, and valued at
hundred
Insurance effected

mentioned in
thousand
Dollars, is covered by

This Insurance is made absolute, and no return of Premium to be made
under any circumstances.



March 3, 1857

The Adams Express Company, No. 320 Chestnut Street, Philada.

Office of The Adams Express Company:

EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

Philadelphia Jan 7 9 1858

Received from Director of U. S. Mint the
undermentioned, Bea to be forwarded to
Super Branch Mint at New Orleans

It is part of the consideration of this contract and it is agreed that the said Express Company ARE FORWARDERS ONLY, and are not to be responsible for any loss or damage while being conveyed by the CARRIERS or AGENTS, to whom said property may be by said Express Company entrusted, or arising from the dangers of Railroads, Ocean or River Navigation, Steam, Fire in Stores, Depots, or in Transit, Leakage, Breakage, or from any cause whatever, unless, in every case, the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of said Express Company or their servants, nor in any event, beyond the sum of FIFTY DOLLARS at which the article carried is hereby valued, unless otherwise herein expressed, nor liable for any damage to GLASS, or any FRAGILE articles, unless herein specially insured. And if the same is entrusted or delivered to any other Express Company or Agent, (which said Adams Express Company are hereby authorised to do,) such company or person so selected shall be regarded exclusively as the agent of the depositor, and as such alone liable, and the Adams Express Company shall not be in any event responsible for the negligence or non-performance of any such company or person, nor in any event shall said Express Company be liable for any loss or damage unless the claim therefor shall be presented to them in writing at their said office, within thirty days after the time when said property has, or ought to have been delivered.

FREIGHT.

MARK.

ARTICLE.

Superintendent:
Branch Mint
New Orleans
La

One Box
Dies
Geo C. Thompson

For the Proprietors,

For the Proprietors,

ARTICLE.

MARK.

BRIGHT.

It is part of the consideration of this contract and it is agreed that the said Express Company are not to be responsible for any loss or damage while being conveyed by the CARRIERS or AGENTS, to whom said property may be by said Express Company entrusted, or arising from the dangers of Railroads, Ocean or River Navigation, Steam, Fire in Stores, Depots, or in Transit, Leakage, Breakage, or from any cause whatever, unless, in every case, the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of said Express Company or their servants, not in any event, beyond the sum of FIFTY DOLLARS at which the article is insured. And if the same is entrusted or delivered to any other Express Company or Agent, (which said Adams Express Company are hereby authorized to do), such company or person so selected shall be regarded exclusively as the agent of the depositor, and as such alone liable, and the Adams Express Company shall not be in any event responsible for the negligence or non-performance of any such company or person, nor in any event shall said Express Company be liable for any loss or damage unless the claim therefor shall be presented to them in writing at their said office, within thirty days after the time when said property has, or ought to have been delivered.

Received from
undermentioned,
at New York
to be forwarded to
the

Office of The Adams Express Company:

EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

The Adams Express Company, No. 380 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

May 9, 1858

Office of The Adams Express Company:

EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

Philadelphia March 3 1858

Received from Director U.S. Mint the
undermentioned, Box to be forwarded to
Super Branch Mint at San Francisco

It is part of the consideration of this contract and it is agreed that the said Express Company ARE FORWARDERS ONLY, and are not to be responsible for any loss or damage while being conveyed by the CARRIERS or AGENTS, to whom said property may be by said Express Company entrusted, or arising from the dangers of Railroads, Ocean or River Navigation, Steam, Fire in Stores, Depots, or in Transit, Leakage, Breakage, or from any cause whatever, unless, in every case, the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of said Express Company or their servants, nor in any event, beyond the sum of FIFTY DOLLARS at which the article carried is hereby valued, unless otherwise herein expressed, nor liable for any damage to GLASS, or any FRAGILE articles, unless herein specially insured. And if the same is entrusted or delivered to any other Express Company or Agent, (which said Adams Express Company are hereby authorised to do,) such company or person so selected shall be regarded exclusively as the agent of the depositor, and as such alone liable, and the Adams Express Company shall not be in any event responsible for the negligence or non-performance of any such company or person, nor in any event shall said Express Company be liable for any loss or damage unless the claim therefor shall be presented to them in writing at their said office, within thirty days after the time when said property has, or ought to have been delivered.

FREIGHT.

MARK.

Superintendent Branch Mint
San Francisco
Cal

ARTICLE.

One Box -
Containing Dies

For the Proprietors,

Geo B. Thompson

Philadelphia, Pa. 3. 11. 58

Office of The Adams Express Company
EXPRESS FORWARDERS

Received from *Quinton A. J. Morris*
undermentioned, *134*
to be forwarded to *Superior Bank* at *Superior*

It is part of the consideration of this contract and it is agreed that the said Express Company are not to be responsible for any loss or damage while being conveyed by the CARRIERS or AGENTS, to whom said property may be by said Express Company entrusted, or arising from the dangers of Railroads, Ocean or River Navigation, Steam, Fire in Stores, Depots, or in Transit, Leakage, Breakage, or from any cause whatever, unless in every case, the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of said Express Company or their servants, nor in any event, beyond the sum of FIFTY DOLLARS in which the article carried is hereby valued, unless otherwise herein expressed, nor liable for any damage to GLASS, or any FRAGILE articles, unless herein specially insured. And if the same is entrusted or delivered to any other Express Company or Agent (which said Adams Express Company are hereby authorized to do), such company or person so selected shall be regarded exclusively as the agent of the depositor, and as such alone liable, and the Adams Express Company shall not be in any event responsible for the negligence or non-performance of any such company or person, not in any event shall said Express Company be liable for any loss or damage unless the claim therefor shall be presented to them in writing at the said office, within thirty days after the time when said property has, or ought to have been delivered.

MAILED
ARTICLE
For the Proprietors,
Superior Bank
Quinton A. J. Morris
Superior

Private

New York Jan'y 29. 1838

To Col. J. R. Snowden

Director U. S. Mint Philadelphia

Dear Sir

I learn from Washington that my fate hangs upon your Report, which, if favorable may be carried through the H. R. & if unfavorable will be killed as in the U. S. Senate in 1837. I take therefore the liberty of stating that being satisfied of your dispassionate & candid treatment of my proposition as offered by me in my petition to the U. S. H. R. & in as much as my composition is generally approved of in preference to the present Cent it will depend upon your advice how to avoid any collision with the Silver Coinage, say raising the Eagle, not milling the end & to make thick edge & thinner inside or even make it an oval shape, just as you would recommend; moreover I offer to take payment in the Cent pieces when struck at 1 ¢. while I charge but $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. these considerations may in connection with my claim of originality in the introduction of the Metal & offer to the U. S. Government in 1837 the reduced size of the Copper Cent & the substitution of Nickel for the reduction of the Copper, prevail upon your mind to speak favorably in your Report. In case you would insist upon your Mint as the place for Manufacturing. I trust you may offer a Remuneration to be given to me by the U. S. Government. As I could have then taken out a Patent for Size, Design & Material, all of which I claim original. Relying upon your

Wm J
Deutchman
New York

Jan 29, 1858.

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Private

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

January 29th 1858.

Sir,

Your favor of 28th inst is at hand with Adams Express Co receipt for \$10088 ^{10/100} (including check for \$80 ⁵⁸), Gold Coins, which amt has been duly rec^d, and placed to Cr Invoice No 173 -

Very respectfully

John J. Esco
Treasurer.

Wm L. Surgeon Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From

J. J. Cisco, Treas
New York

Recd
Feb. 2/58

Wm. Jackson Esq
New York

Treasury Department
January 28. 1858.

Sir:

The collector of the customs at New-York has this day been instructed to admit, free of duty and charges, the case, containing gas apparatus, referred to in your letter of the 27th instant.

I am, Very Resp,
Wm. Will Cobb
Secretary of the Treasury.

J. Ross Snowden, Esq.,
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia,
Pa.

From Sec Treasury

States that Collector at N.Y.
has been instructed to
admit goods apparatus
rec^d from Europe 10 free
entry

Jan 29. 1838.

To
Sec Treasury

Request order for
admission to free
entry of gas apparatus
recently arrived at
N Y. for the Mint

Jan 27. 1858.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Jan 27, 1858.

Sir,

I have to request that you will issue
your warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint,
for Forty six thousand nine hundred and twenty

Jan 27, 8.

Sir,

A case marked H.S.I., containing a gas apparatus, ordered by me, from London, for the use of the assay department of the Mint, has recently arrived at the Port of New York, per steamer "Europa". - I will thank you to issue the necessary order on the collector of Customs at that Port for the admission of the same to free entry.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,

Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Hon Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

New York
Jan'y 27/1858.

A. R. P. Snowden by
Director
W. S. Mint
Phil^a

Sir —
Your favour of 12 inst,

with accompanying report on
the Box of Ores sent duly received,
I now have now to request the
favour of you to have said Box
forwarded by Adams & Co Express
to Genl. Haddy Thompson Greenville
South Carolina R. of Phil^a

Richard Wood Earle

Minerals sent Jan 28.
to Genl. H. Thompson per Adams & Co Express.

From
Maurice Earl & Co
N.Y.

Direct, Box of Minerals
to sent to Gen

W. Thompson of
Greenwich S.C.

Jan 25. 1855.

JAN. 27 - 1858

Case marked containing ^{by me} ordered from London

A gas apparatus, for the Assay

Department of the Mint, has recently arrived

^{the part of} at New York per Steamer Europa. ^{As this apparatus is}
^{might be injured by being unpacked or handled prior to its reception} I will thank
^{the Mint & me an} you to ~~issue~~ ^{sign &} the usual order on the collector

of Customs at that port to admit the same to
free entry. The case containing the apparatus
referred to is marked as follows viz. HSI

To
Sec Treasury

Requisition for
\$49,925 out of
Appropriation for
Purchase for each
Year.

Jan 27, 1858.

Jan. 27. 8.

Sir,

I have to request that you will issue your warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint, for Forty six thousand, nine hundred and twenty five dollars (\$46,925.) payable out of the appropriation made for the support of the institution for the present fiscal year viz:

For Salaries of Officers & Clerks	\$ 6,975.00
" Wages of Workmen & Adjustors	18,700.00
" Incidentals & Contingent Expenses	18,750.00
" Freight on Bullion	2,500.00
	<u>\$46,925.00</u>

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

Saml. Apchenansen,
Director of the Mint.

Hon Howell Cobb,

Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City

Office United States Treasury Extension.

Washington, ~~Jan~~ 27th 1858.

James R Snowden Esq

Director of U.S. Mint

Dear Sir

Herewith please find
enclosed Check for Eighty one $\frac{58}{100}$ dollars,
Also duplicate vouchers for the same
which please sign and return to this
office

Yours Respt

E French

Asst Supt

Per W. F. H.

Tom L
Ed French Esq
Asst Supt Treas. Exten.
Washington

Enclosing Draft
for \$81⁵⁰/₁₀₀ for fine
Silver Sur Wm B Bonman

Jan 5 28. 1858.

Jan 28. 8.

Sir.

Your favor of yesterday enclosing
a check for Eighty one \$⁰⁰ dollars on the Asst
Treasurer of the U. S. at New York and duplicate
vouchers for the same has been received.

I have receipted the vouchers
and herewith return the same.

Very Respectfully,
Yours obt. servt.,
Sam. C. L. Jackson.
Director of the Mint.

E. French Esq.,
Asst. Sup't
United States Treasury Extension,
Washington.

JAN. 27 - 1858

From To

Hon Mr. M. Gwin
U. S. Senator
Washington

Alloy of gold coins
of the United States

Jan 27, 1858.

Washington Jan. 7 24th 38

My dear Sir

I have been informed ^{That} by
the regulations adopted by you that the
alloy in gold coinage is ninety per cent
of Copper & ten per cent of Silver. That is
Ninety thousandths & ten thousandths. You
will oblige me by informing me by
return mail whether this information
is correct; & if not what is the exact
composition of the alloy
Very Truly Yours

Wm. M. Gwin

for J. R. Snowden
Director of the Mint

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia Jan. 27. 1858.

My Dear Sir,

I received to-day your letter of the 24th inst.

In reference to the proportion of Silver and Copper in the alloy of our Gold Coin, I may state, that when I assumed the duties of Director of the Mint in June 1853 I determined to endeavor to secure a greater uniformity in the proportions of the alloy. ~~to be~~ One object to be gained by it was to produce more uniformity in the Color of our Coin. The Color being mainly affected by the proportions of Silver and Copper in the alloy. The Law permits a considerable range on this point, as it provides that "the alloy of the Gold Coin, shall be of Copper and Silver, provided that the Silver do not exceed one half of the whole alloy." This allows 50 thousandths of the alloy to be of Silver. But if the Gold Bullion be refined to 994 (which is about as high as can be accomplished by our means) and then the alloy of Copper be added, there would be in the Coin about $5\frac{1}{2}$ thousandths of Silver - accurately 5.43 thousandths. It is a view to great a discrepancy and to produce greater uniformity I directed in

1853, - and it has been the rule ever since,
that all deposits of native gold, or gold
not previously refined should be assayed
for silver without exception, and be
refined to, from 990 to 993, say averaging
991, as near as may be. The Copper
alloy is then to be added, and the
gold coin of the mint and its branches
will stand nearly thus: gold 900; Silver
8, Copper 92.

This I believe answers the question
you proposed to me.

I am, with great respect,
your friend & obt. servt.

James R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint

Hon. William M. Gwin
United States Senator,
Washington City.

P.S. Please send me a printed copy of
the bill relative to the issuing of Bullion
and Coin certificates.

J. R. S.

JAN. 27 - 1858

Sir,

I send you to-day per Adams
Express 6.00 Two Hundred dollars in new notes,
being proceeds of draft on N.Y. for that amount
enclosed in your favor of the 27th ult.

Respectfully,
Samuel R. Bowdler,
Director of the Mint.

M. S. Scott Esq.,
Cash. Nat. Bank of Wisconsin,
Milwaukee,
Wis.



State Bank of Wisconsin.

John S. Inbusch, Pres.
M. S. Scott, Cash.

Milwaukee, 27 July 1858

Col Jas R Snodden

Director W. S. Smith

I have received your favor
of _____ and Enclose for collection _____

I enclose my check Phenix \$200. for
which please send me Pennies —

Respectfully,
M. S. Scott
Honor

J. M. S.

State Bank Wisconsin
Milwaukee
Wis

Endorsed on R.S.

for \$200. Hilsen, cents -
returned therefor

Jan 30, 1858.

\$200 cents sent
Feb 3, 1858

Hon Howard Cobb
Secy of the Treas^y
Dr Sir

U.S. Mint Phila^a
New York Jan^y 26th 1858

I This moment received your
Telegraph dispatch asking the reason why the
amount of the draft for \$200,000 has not been
sent on, Since I sent the last \$90,000 dollars
I have received from the C. Coiner but \$20,000
in Half dollars since that I paid to the Purser
of the Arigate Congress by the order of the
Director of the Mint who since he was so
directed by the Sec^y of the Treasury, I have
the the promise of about \$40,000, Tomorrow which
will be sent on immediately, Since as soon as
deliveries are made to me in Half dollars I
will transmit them, be they small or large in
amount since you have Quarter \$ ^{amounts} ~~quarters~~
I hope however to be able to send all in
Half doll^s in this & next week

Yours Truly
Devin Sturgeon
Treas^y

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Lamy

~~Don. H. Cobb~~

Don. H. Cobb

Secy of Treas

Washington

Jan. 27/58

Treasury of the United States
26 January 1858

Sir

For enclosed Transfer Draft No 4883, please
forward by Adams Express Comp'y \$100.000 -
in half dollars if you can

Very respectfully
Yours Obedt
Sam Casey,
Treasurer U. S.

Genl. Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From

Sam. Casey, Treas

Washington

Rec'd

Jan'y 27/58

U. S. Assay Office, New York

Treasurer's Department.

January 24 1858

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th inst, also by the Adams Express Company of \$28,334.09 in gold and Silver Coins, in payment for invoice No. 171.

As per receipt and statement enclosed I have this day transmitted one box of gold bars, weighing 494.17 oz. Net value \$10,088.10 for which I will thank you to remit double eagles, at the earliest possible period.

P.S. The amount of invoice No 171. should be, as remitted by you, \$28,334.09

Very Respectfully

D Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint

Wm J. Cress
Treasurer

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 143

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

One Box containing 494² ozs Gold Bullion,

" " " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to \$10 088¹⁰

Ten Thousand Eighty Eight¹⁰ Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Jan 21, 1858

Adams Express Co W. B. Dinsman

From

J. J. Cicco, Treas

New York

Rec'd

Jan 27/58

JAN. 25 - 1858

To
Sec Treasury

Enclosing herewith
Bullion Statement

Ind 28. 1855.

Jan 28. 8.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a statement of the amount, and denomination, of coins in the Treasury of the Mint, and the condition of the bullion fund, at the close of business to day.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
Samuel R. Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

JAN. 25 - 1858

of
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Sec Treasury

Medal Account
4th Quarter 1837.

Jan 20, 1838.

Jan 20. 8.

Sir,

I present herewith a statement of the Medal fund account for the fourth quarter of 1857, and enclose vouchers for the items charged therein. The statement exhibits a balance of \$1,940.01, to the credit of the medal fund.

No medals were made at the Mint during the 3^d quarter of 1857 except 12 silver "Peabody Medals" for the Schore Committee of South Danvers, Mass. which are embraced in the statement herewith submitted.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Wm Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington.

Dr- James Ross Snowden, Esq. Director

1857. June 30 To Balance as per Statement

Balance

1876 18

October 1 To this amount received from Benj. L. Perkins Esq
for 12 fine Silver Peabody Medals \$3.10

37 20

October 1 To this amount received from R. C. Hacker, Sec Pa Agr?
for 10 Silver Medals

5 00

December 11 To cash received from L. Bausant Esq. Pres.

for 10 Gold Medals @ \$8.50 \$76.50

for 10 Silver Medals @ \$3.50 290.50

367 00

" To cash received from T. A. Brown Esq, Secy.
Comm. St. Agr. & Mech. for 10 Gold Medals @ \$12.00

for 10 Silver Medals @ \$3.50 70

190 00

" 14 To cash received from Machinery Mechanics
Ass. for 6 Gold Medals @ \$14.00

40 Silver " 80

72 Bronze " 64

275 00

2,750

Mint of the United States. Dec 31. 1857

Director's Office

Account Book

100

Bottom Bank

By this amount paid for materials taken in manufacturing 12 fine steel "Carbon Steels"

By this amount paid for 10.88 bushels of

" 4.10 "

24 98

By this amount paid for labor in re-starting

machines for 1000 lbs. of the work

328

By this amount paid for materials & labor

in manufacturing 9 feet 183 steel pieces

for 1000 lbs. of the work

" 201.20 "

24 38

" 23.42 "

By this amount paid for materials and labor

in manufacturing 10 feet 183 steel pieces for

1000 lbs. of the work

" 46.32 "

100 20

" 10.73 "

By this amount paid for materials & labor in manufacturing

10 feet 183 steel pieces for 1000 lbs. of the work

By this amount paid for 12.75 bushels of

" 32.75 "

192 02

By this amount paid for 1000 lbs. of the work

(balance of 1000 lbs. of the work)

Balance

123 20

1940.11

2520.90

JAN. 25 - 1858

To the Treasury

Enclosing com
and Bullion Statement

Jan 25, 1838.

Jan 25. 8.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a statement
of the amount and denomination, of coins in the
Treasury of the Mint, and the condition of the
bullion fund at the close of business to-day.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

Samuel Ross Snowden.

Director of the Mint.

Hon Howell Cobb,

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington City.

88
Deputy Lieutenant

July 25th 1858

Sir

I return the bond enclosed with your letter of the 23rd ulto. As it may never be executed by one of the Principals, it would undoubtedly be difficult to enforce its penalty against the sureties.

From the facts stated in your letter, the contract appears to have been duly executed and may be enforced against the estate of Farmer; but the bond must undoubtedly be regarded as adding nothing to the security, for the reasons above stated.

Very respectfully
Yours &c &c

J. R. Snowden Esq
Secretary of the Mint
H. A.

Wm. Lobb
Secretary of Treasury

Letter of the
Secretary of the
Treasury

Returning bond
of Messrs Farmer
Chas & Co. & stating
that the same
not having been
executed by one
of the principals it
does not add to
the security of the
contract

Jan 26. 1838.

Blairsville Jan ^{the} 25th 1858

Wm Treasurer of US Mint

Sir I have your
certificat calling for two hundred and fifty
eight & 24 Dollars of which I have received
\$243 ⁵²/₁₀₀ leaving a discrepancy of fourteen
Dollars and seventy two cents now Sir you
will draw me a paper if you will right
to me and let me know if you paid the
~~the~~ have a man over to the express co
so that I can get the balance of my money
from them the agent could give me no
information a hint but Sir if you will
condescend to write to me and give me this
information you will greatly oblige me

Yours with respects

Jas Danville

From

Jas. Dowdle

Blairsville

Recd

pa

Jan 28/58.

Friedrich July 23 1858

Dear Sir

We deposited in the Mint at
Phil, Oct 2 1857, the sum of \$150.⁰⁰,
payable to us in the New Bonds,

We wish
to inquire of you, at present, as over 3
months have now elapsed since the deposit
was made, whether one intencment of \$50 worth
could be sent to us at this time, if so
please send as early as possible.

Yrs

Very Respectfully

J M H Stidoff

Nos. 1093 \$50
94 \$50
95 \$50

From

L. M. J. H. M. Nixdorf
Frederick

Mt.

Recd
Jan 28/58

JAN. 25-1858

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Price of Russian
Coin

Jan 30. 1858.

The Bank of the State of Indiana,

G. W. RATHBONE, President.

SAMUEL BAYARD, Cashier.

Branch at Evansville,

June 25, 1858.

Director of the Mint
Phila.

Dear Sir,

We have \$3000.- dimes & half dimes
old coinage. Also \$1000.- quarters - old coinage.

If we send them to you, on what terms
will you furnish us, in return, dimes & $\frac{1}{2}$ dimes
of the new coinage, & how soon could an exchange
be completed.

An early reply will oblige,

Yours Respy.

G. W. Rathbone, Presy.

Jan 30, 8

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your favor
of the 25th inst.

The enclosed circular presents the
information you desire in relation to the pur-
chase of old silver coins at this institution.

You can send your coin to the Mint
per Express and receive the proceeds by the same
conveyance.

Very Respectfully,

James R. Knower
Director of the Mint.

J. H. Rathbone Esq
President B. Bank & Ind.
Crawfordsville,
Ind.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

January 25, 1858

Sir

I have this day transmitted by the Adams Express Company, per receipt and statement enclosed, eight boxes of silver bullion weighing gross 16665.62 ounces, net value \$20 443.95 contains gold \$33.⁰⁰ net. The former amount I will thank you to remit in quarter dollars, and the latter in gold coins.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

J. Sturgeon Esq
Treasury U. S. Mint

Wm. J. Wood
Treasurer

No. 172

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.Box containing _____ Gold Bullion,
8 " " 16 1/2 1/2 ozs Silver "

Parcel " _____

Amounting in Net value to \$20476.95
Twenty thousand four hundred and
seventy six 95/100 Dollarswhich we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Jan 25 1858

Adams Express Co. J. Parker

From

J. J. Cisco, Treas
New York

Recd

Jan 26/58

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Copy

Minst of the United States,

Philadelphia, Jan. 28th 1858

Sir,

As requested in your telegram of to-day - received this evening - I herewith enclose copies of my letters of the 20th inst. respecting the appointment of Special Commissioners for the next annual Assay.

In addition to the names therein presented I beg leave to suggest that of Maj. A. H. Bowman U.S.A. if your Department if it will meet your convenience to let him be with us a few days and the pleasure of the President to designate him for that duty.

I have the honor to be

With great respect

Yours faithful servant
James Ross Bowman
Director of the Mint

Amos A. Cobb
Sec. - Treas.
Wash - city -

OFFICIAL.

Treasury Department,

Office of Construction,

Washington, D. C., 23rd January 1858.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt, this day, of your letter of the 22nd and to say in reply, that silver of the fineness of about 998/1000 is sufficiently pure for the Photographer's use, and I will thank you to prepare about five pounds in a granulated form as early as your convenience will permit.

To
Col J. A. R. Snowden,
Director U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia,
Pa.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

A. H. T. J. J. J. J.

Engineer in charge Treasury Department.

LETTER
OF
The Office of Construction,
FROM THE
ENGINEER IN CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Dated 23 January 1858
Received 23 " " "

SUBJECT.

Fine Silver desired.

60 oz fine Silver
Sent per Adams Express
Jan 26, 1858.

Director's letter
enclosed.

Jan. 26th 8

Sir,

I find, by The Steam Express, the granules
to which I requested in your letter of the 23^d,
is: as follows,

60 52: seven 999 thousandths fine,
equal to 66.6 oz: standard silver.

The price of which, at 122.5 cents
per ounce, is \$81.58.5 cents. Which
amount you will please remit to the Mint.

Very Respectfully

Your obt. servant,

Major A. H. Downman,
Engineer in charge
Treasury Department,
Washington City.

Samuel R. Bowdler
Director of the Mint.

Sent to Major Bowman

60 oz. silver @ 999.

= 66.6 oz. Standard Silver

= \$ 83.25 at \$ 1.25 pr. oz.

or \$ 81.58 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 1.22 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Jac Booth

1281 ss paravato

BONDS, SECURITIES, ETC., UNLAWFULLY ACQUIRED AND INVESTMENTS EXCEEDING THE LIMITS PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 51
AS AMENDED

Description	Par value	Book value	Name directors who, as shown by the books, approved the purchase of these bonds, and those required.

JANUARY 22 1858

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AS AMENDED

Description	Par value	Book value	Name of directors who, as shown by the approved the purchase of these bonds.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Jan 22, 1858.

Dear Sir

I have prepared the enclosed bill in compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 7th inst. It embodies the views expressed by me in the recent publication entitled "A measure proposed to secure to the people a safe treasury, and a sound currency."

The 1st Sect. authorizes Certificates to be issued on deposits of good bullion at the Mint and its branches.

The 2nd Sect. authorizes similar Certificates on deposits of the Good Coin of the United States at the Treasury and its various branches of the United States, and at the Mints.

Good bullion cannot be received at the Treasury office on deposit, because at these offices they have not the means of determining its value by melting and assaying. Hence the necessity of the distinction in the foregoing Sections between bullion and coin.

3. It is obviously proper that the Certificates be made redeemable only at the place where the gold they represent is deposited. I at first thought of proposing to

make the Certificate redeemable every
where, within the limits of the United States,
for public dues; but on reflection have
deemed it proper to provide that they shall
only be thus redeemable in the State or
District where they have been issued.

The former plan would subject the United
States to the cost of transportation of the
Gold. For example Certificates issued at
San Francisco would be so largely re-
ceived in the Atlantic States as to require
the Government to transport the gold, which
the Certificates would represent, from
the former to the latter; and thus the
cost of transportation between these points,
which is now properly borne by the carrier
of the bullion and coin, would fall
upon the Government, also proposed in the
section under consideration this will
be avoided; and the Government will
always be enabled without expense
to place in her vaults in gold the
amount of Certificates received.

4. This section I think will be found con-
venient to the people as a means of exchange
and to the Government, as affording a
safe and economical mode of making
transfers of gold. The latter part of

the bill is intended to enable the Treasury Department to receive deposits of gold in one place and make the same payable in silver coin at another place if desired by the depositor. This, for obvious reasons, is found to be highly beneficial to the Government as well as to individuals.

8. The additional expense, for the security of the deposits, is not as but small means at all the principal office safe vaults and fire proof buildings have already been provided. But it may become necessary to incur some expense to carry the law into effect.

No remaining portions of the bill seem to require no particular remarks.

In conclusion I beg to say that I doubt not that the bill herein submitted may be most improved by your careful revision of it. I respectfully submit it to your approval or correction.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,

Yours obt. servant,
James R. McMillen,
Director of the Mint.

Rev. Wm. M. Smith
United States Senator,
Washington City.

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1281 ss parnat

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Director of the Mint.

Hon. Wm. M. Gwin
United States Senator,
Washington City.

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JAN. 21-1858

To

Hon Howell Cobb
Sec Treasury

Enclosing com and
Bulletin Statement

Jan 21, 1858,

Jan 21. 8.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a statement of the amount, and denomination, of coins in the Treasury of the Mint, and the condition of the bullion fund at the close of business to day.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

Samuel Ross Snowden.

Director of the Mint.

Hon Howell Cobb.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Washington City.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

Jan 21 1858

Sir,

I herewith enclose receipt & statement of Twelve boxes Silver, Transmitted by The Adams Express Company, Weighing Gross 23 148.19 Ozs Net value \$ 28,232.74 Contains Gold, Net \$ 102.07 for which I will thank you to return in Half dollars \$ 15,000. and \$ 13,232.74 in Quarters, & \$ 102.07 in Gold Coins.

Very Respectfully

D. Sturgis Esq
Treas. U.S. Mint

Wm J. C. W. Co
Treasurer

U.S. 1/2
13,239.99 1/2
94.19 Total

28,334.09

No. 171 Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Box containing _____ Gold Bullion,
12 " " 23148¹⁹ Oz Silver "

Parcel " _____

Amounting in Net value to \$ 28 334.81
Twenty Eight Thousand, Three Hundred
& thirty four ⁸¹/₁₀₀ Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Jan 21 1858

Adams Express Co John Foley

108.63 +
20.334.09 x
28,442 2

1743
1799
1804

W. G.
Silva

From
Jno. J. Cisco, Treas
New York

Recd
22 Jan '58

Treasury Department
January 20, 1838

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst. I have to state that the Department would prefer you to send the Bill, respecting the issue of bullion and coin certificates, which you have prepared at the instance of Senator Lwin, direct to that gentleman, -

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Wm. Lobb
Secretary of the Treasury

J. Ross Snowden. Esq
Director of Mint. -
Philadelphia

Tom J. Chasany

Desires Bill for
issuing Com & Return
certificates sent
to Dr. Gurn

Jan 22. 1886

Green Hill South Carolina
July 15. 1858

Sir.

I have directed some pieces
of silver ore to be sent to the
Mint to be coined - There are some
of the pieces valuable as specimens
as well as some pieces of opal &
Carnations. I beg you to have them
selected & preserved for me &
if it is not giving too much
trouble that they may be sent to
me by Adams this Express

Very Respectfully

Yours &c

Waddy Thompson

To the Superintendent of the Mint

Philadelphia

From
Genl. Haddy Thompson
Greenville
S.C.

Specimens of
are sent to the
Mint.

OPAL & CARNELIAN }
CARNELION }

Jan 20. 1858

Department of the Interior,
January 20th 1856.

Sir:

I take the liberty of enclosing herewith, forty six coupons, amounting to seven hundred and fifty (\$1150.) dollars, being the interest due on the 1st prox, on forty six thousand (\$46,000.) dollars, Pennsylvania 5 per cent bonds, held by me in trust for Indian tribes, and will be greatly obliged if you will collect them for me, deposit the proceeds with the Asst Treasurer of the United States at Philadelphia to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, as money deposited by me in trust for Indian tribes and forward the certificates to this Department.

I also hold in trust, as Secretary of the Interior for the time being, fifty thousand (\$50,000.) dollars of Pennsylvania certificate stock, the interest on which is payable at the Bank of Pennsylvania. Will you do me the favor of enquiring

Wm L. Thompson
Asst Secy of the Interior

From L^d
The Sec of the Interior
Washington

Enclosing Coupons Feb 1858
\$46,000 Penn: 55 Value
\$1150

Enquires whether interest
on Certificate Stock of
Pennsylvania is subject
to ~~any~~^{his} draft or whether
power of Attorney is
necessary - Reply that
Power of Attorney is
necessary.

Jan 21. 1858.

Jan. 21. 8

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday enclosing 46 coupons amounting to \$1150. payable on the 1st prox. I will, when they fall due, collect them coupons and apply the proceeds as requested.

On inquiry I find it will be necessary for you to send me a power of Attorney to receive at the Bank of Penn^a the interest due on the Pennsylvania bonds which you hold in trust for certain Indian tribes.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Yours ob^d servant,

Wm. L. Thompson.

Secretary of the ~~Board of~~ ^{Interior}
Washington City.

Samuel Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

OFFICIAL.

Treasury Department,

Office of Construction,

Washington, D. C., 20th Jan'y 1858.

Sir,

It is necessary for me to have prepared, (for Photographic use connected with the Treasury Extension,) four or five pounds of chemically pure silver, in a granulated form; - and if you can consistently do so I will thank you to have it prepared and transmitted to me.

Its value I will either permit to you, or deposit with the Treasurer here, as you may direct.

This is required for immediate service, and if you find you can consistently prepare it for me, I will be glad of it at your earliest convenience -

To

Col Jas M^r Snowden,
Director U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia,
Pa.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

A. H. Rowman

Engineer in charge Treasury Department.

LETTER

OF

The Office of Construction,

FROM THE

ENGINEER IN CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Dated *20 Jan 1885*

Received *22* " " " "

SUBJECT.

*Desires some chemically
pure silver in a
framed form*

*Director's answer
enclosed.*

greatly improved. It is that in a
 condition of great efficiency and security,
 and is believed to be unapproached by
 any other system of insurance.
 It is a fact that the business of the
 company is now being conducted with
 perfect safety and security, and the
 directors are confident that the
 company will continue to prosper and
 grow in the future. The directors
 are also confident that the company
 will be able to meet all its obligations
 and to pay dividends to the shareholders.
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 dividends to the shareholders.

I am, very respectfully,
 Yours very truly,
 J. M. [Signature]

Received of the Treasurer of the
 Company the sum of \$100.00
 for the purchase of shares of
 the Company.
 J. M. [Signature]
 Secretary of the Company

JAN. 20-1858

To The Sec. Treasury

Returning letter
received for Gov
Anderson

Jan 20, 1858.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Jan. 16th 1858.

Sir,
I received to-day your favor of the
13th inst.

I have considered your remarks
in relation to the manner ^{in which} the mints.

Jan. 20. 81

Sir,

The enclosed letter by some delay only reached me this morning. As Gov. Andruson sailed to-day at 9 o'clock A.M. from New-York I re-enclose the letter to the Department.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servt.

Samuel R. Anderson,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

JAN. 20 - 1858 .

To
The Sec Treasury

Appointment of
Commissioners
for the Annual Assay

Jan 20, 1858.

Wm. Howard Cobb.
Secretary of the Treasury

Director of the Mint.
Treasury Dept. Washington.

Very respectfully,
With great respect,

I have the honor to be,

after your visit here,
(p. 1) as is required by the 32nd section
of the Act of February 22nd 1875, of the
Mint will be held at the Mint on the
Commissioners for the General Affairs,
to the necessity of appointing Special
Agents call the attention of the President
I have to request that you will

Jan. 20 87

Philadelphia, Jan. 20. 1858.

Dear Sir,

It has been the uniform practice for the Director of the Mint, to suggest the names of suitable persons to be designated as Special Commissioners to perform the duties required by law at the annual assay to test the accuracy of the Coinage of the United States, and the correctness of the weights ordinarily used in the operations of the Mint: In compliance with this custom, I have the honor to suggest the following named gentlemen as suitable persons to perform the duties indicated; viz:

Hon. Robert M. Laing of Baltimore.

Genl. Wm. B. Burnett of New-York.

Dr. J. L. Atlee of Lancaster

Dr. A. L. Elwyn, and

Prof. B. Howard Rand, M.D. of Philad^a.

If any other names occur to the President they can be added to the number, and but this intended, if he deems proper, than those herein suggested. The number is not restricted by

law, but it has not been usual to designate
more than five or six Special Commissioners.

I am, with the highest respect,
your friend and ob. Servant,

James Ross Snowden,
Hon. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

P.S. I send you by this mail
two copies of a pamphlet, which I
have caused to be printed; in
which will be found the Rules
adopted by the last Board of Comm.
and the laws relating to their duties,
&c. I will be much obliged if
you will place one of these copies
in the hands of the President.
J. R. S.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Jan. 23 1858,

Sir,

In compliance with the request
expressed in your telegram - received
this evening - I herewith enclose a
copy of my letter to the Department
requesting the appointment of Special
Commissioners for the next Annual
Exposition.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful servant,

Samuel Ross Mendenhall,
Director of the Mint.

Director to Treasury Dept
Assay commission

Jan 23. 1856.

JAN 20, 1858

Jan 23. 8.

My dear Sir,
The enclosed refers to my paper from
of the 20th inst. has been printed and returned
to you for the same purpose.
Very respectfully,
James Ross
for Mr. R. Dickinson
Secretary

Wm. A. Smith
Mass.

Lowell. Mass. Jan. 20. 1858

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director U. S. Mint. Philadelphia

Dear Sir

I send you this day
by Express - charges paid - one box
containing sixty eight (68) Bronze
Medals, recently struck at the Mint
for the Middlesex Mechanic Association
of this city - which we wish to have
bronzed and returned to me
by Express, at your earliest con-
venience -

Yours very respectfully
William A. Burke
for M. M. Association -

From J. M. A. Bunker
for the M. A. S.?
Small Bunker

Leading medals
the Bunker

Jan 22. 1886.

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1858/JANUARY

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AMES SAFETY ENGINEERING CO.
P.O. BOX 100